

MARCH 4, 2014

JASPER, FLORIDA

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, March 4, 2014, 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 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

Bob Burton encouraged the Board regarding the legislative action being taken seeking to make the appointment process for the Development Authority be a local appointment rather than appointed by the Governor. Mr. Burton also stated that he intends to help where he can.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

PUBLIC HEARING – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT 2ND HEARING

Chairman Smith recessed the regular Board meeting and called the public hearing to order at 9:05 a.m.

Spencer Nabors, with ITC, explained that this hearing is the 2nd public hearing regarding the 2014 CDBG grant application. Mr. Nabors advised the Board that the deadline for submitting the application is March 12, 2014. Mr. Nabors also advised the Board that he has met with the CATF members and that they agree to pursue a housing CDBG grant which will provide with the Ship match \$825,000.

There being no further questions from the Board or the public, Chairman Smith closed the public hearing and reopened the regular meeting at 9:08 a.m. There was no action needed by the Board.

HAMILTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – STATUS REPORT

Chairman Smith noted that no one was present from the Development Authority for the economic development report.

RURAL HEALTH CLINIC SIGNAGE BID AWARD

County Coordinator Louie Goodin presented the Board with the bid results for the Primary Care Clinic from D&S Signs and Here's Your Sign. Mr. Goodin recommended D&S Signs due to their total bid being \$4,425. Here's Your Sign's total quote was \$5,258.28.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to award the bid for the Primary Care Clinic signage to D&S Signs in the amount of \$4,425.00. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT

County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board of the letter from FDOT requesting that the Board of County Commissioners sign off on the submittal of roads from the municipalities. Land Use Administrator Megan Carter stated that Mr. Bailey was going to be a few minutes late, however, the letter is being requested by FDOT due to the fact that the municipalities are not allowed to submit projects through the grant programs. Several Commissioners stated their concerns that the request were not submitted and reviewed by the Board prior to being placed on the FDOT Work Program. Mr. Bailey now being present stated that he received the email requesting the letter and that he talked to Kim Evans at FDOT and she wasn't sure how the roads were solicited. One of the Board's concerns was that each municipality was allowed to submit projects. After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed to table the issue until they can receive clarification from FDOT.

SHIP PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that according to Mr. Nabors that there was nothing new to report.

CONTINUATION OF ROAD PAVING PROJECTS

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

CR-135 – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that Anderson Columbia has paved the Prospect Church road and are working on the construction of the final layer of asphalt. Mr. Bailey then requested that the Board authorize the Road Department to provide several loads of dirt to be used for shoulder work. The Board agreed by unanimous consent to provide the dirt. The Board also questioned a couple of the pipe extensions and placement of the headwalls. Chairman Smith questioned Mr. Bailey as to the roughness of the leveling

course, to which Mr. Bailey explained how the leveling course is constructed and that the final layer will not be rough. Chairman Smith also questioned staff regarding the sharp curve in the road, however, realigning the road was not part of the grant process. The Board then discussed the signage and timeline for the Hunter Creek Bridge expansion. Mr. Bailey stated that after receiving the bridge report for the expansion improvements that under the current plans the load capacity of the bridge would be reduced by approximately seven (7) percent. After a lengthy discussion the Board directed staff to contact FDOT in order to be able to make the bridge expansion project not reduce the load capacity.

DISCUSSION OF ADDING A SIXTH ROAD GRADER

The Board discussed the possibility of adding an additional 6th grader due to the request made by Road Superintendent James Bell. County Coordinator Louie Goodin explained the current issues with the road graders and also the lack of personnel due to several employees being out on Worker's Compensation. Chairman Smith explained that due to the recent rain that the graders have been working on Friday's in order to catch up on the road maintenance. Commissioner Ogburn stated that prior to making a decision regarding the graders that the Board needs to discuss the issue with Road Superintendent James Bell and Assistant Richard Dunaway. The Board then discussed the need to establish a base hourly rate of pay for equipment operators and to also address other issues with the Road Department. The Board also discussed the need to set the pay scale in order to incentivize the employees. Mr. Goodin stated that by the next regular Board meeting he would have additional information regarding the issue. Commissioner Burnam questioned staff as to the effectiveness of the four (4) ten (10) hours days to which the Board stated that the productivity of the Road Department has improved. Commissioner Oxendine stated that the problem appears to be with the grader operators and that there are no ditches or crowns in the roads. After a lengthy discussion the Board agreed to meet with staff in order to correct the issues at the Road Department. George Roberson stated that when the ditches are pulled they are not done so correctly and that the County needs qualified equipment operators. Wade Goolsby suggested that the Board consider split time and a rotation for the Road Department employees in order to alleviate some of the issues. Mr. Goodin stated that he would meet with Mr. Bell and further discuss the issues.

Mr. Goodin then explained the situation with the number of employees that are out on Worker's Compensation and suggested that the Board consider allowing Mr. Bell to add two (2) additional employees. After a brief discussion, Mr. Goodin stated that he would further discuss this issue with Mr. Bell and then allow Mr. Bell to address the Board regarding these issues at the March 18th Board meeting. Bob Burton also stated that the Board should consider Made In America when purchasing equipment in the future.

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK – STATUS REPORT

Veterans Service Officer Clay Lambert presented the Board with a photo of the Memorial Wall and stated that he needed the permission of the Board to continue to move forward. Mr. Lambert stated that after the Wall and that he would still have approximately \$20,000 towards the construction of the pavilion. Mr. Lambert also reminded the Board that

the brick laying ceremony would be on March 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The Board approved for Mr. Lambert to proceed with the project and thanked him for everything that is being done.

ADOPT RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AND RECONFIRMING MEMBERSHIP OF TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (TDC)

County Attorney John McCormick presented the Board with a Resolution accepting the resignation of Barbara Williams, accepting the City of Jasper appointee Mary Kay Dunaway and re-confirming the other TDC board members.

- Motion by Commissioner Burnam to approve the resolution confirming and reconfirming the membership of the TDC. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION OF CROSSROADS FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING REPAIRS

County Coordinator Louie Goodin discussed with the Board the possibility of pursuing a CDBG grant in order to construct a new fire station for the Crossroads Fire Station. The Board discussed the timeline for the application process for a CDBG grant and agreed to allow Spencer Nabors, with ITC, to gather information and for Mr. Goodin to check on the advantages of constructing the new fire station closer to the I-75 interchange in order to get a better ISO rating for the businesses.

OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT QUOTES

County Coordinator Louie Goodin presented the Board with the bid tabulations for the Obsolete Equipment. Mr. Goodin recommended that the Board award the bid to Madison Metals in the amount of \$12,250.00. Commissioner Ogburn questioned legal staff as to whether he would need to abstain from voting due to his son submitting a bid. County Attorney John McCormick advised that since his son's quote was not being recommended that he saw no reason for him to abstain from the vote. Commissioner Oxendine stated that staff needs to make sure that the trailers that are at the Landfill near where the obsolete equipment is located are not taken by the metal company.

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to award the bid for Obsolete Equipment to Madison Metals in the amount of \$12,250.00. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the bills (vouchers 100801 – 100966 and checks 044816 – 044928). Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION OF SANDBLASTING AND PAINTING OF PICNIC TABLES AT RECREATION DEPARTMENT

County Coordinator Louie Goodin discussed with the Board a quote from MetalCoat to sandblast and paint the picnic tables at the Recreation Department in the amount of \$1,285.20.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to declare an emergency and approve the quote from MetalCoat in the amount of \$1,285.20. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

LEAVE PAYOUT

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the leave payout for Ronnie Mathis in the amount of \$7,455.34. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin discussed with the Board whether they would sponsor a marker for the Relay for Life; the Board stated that they would individually.
- Mr. Goodin also announced that Sabel Trails will be holding a public meeting on March 24, 2014 at the Live Oak City Hall at 6:00 p.m.
- Commissioner Ogburn discussed with the Board the need for picnic tables for the lot beside the White Springs Library. After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Goodin to put together the option of picnic tables and the possibility of a pavilion.
- Commissioner Brown discussed with the Board the sewage spill from Lowndes County. The Board stated their concerns and that something should be done to alleviate the adverse effects for counties located below Lowndes on the Withlacoochee River.
- County Attorney John McCormick presented the Board with an article from the Suwannee Democrat regarding the non-emergency medical transports.
- Mr. McCormick with an email from the TDC seeking a payer list of the TDC tax. After a brief discussion, Mr. McCormick explained that the list is not a public document.
- Mr. McCormick also presented the Board with a map of NW 13th Drive of Oakwoodlands Subdivision regarding the need to make repairs in an area that may

need additional space. Mr. McCormick explained the details of the issue and suggested that the Board consider allowing Engineer Greg Bailey to take a look at the issue before taking action to widen the right-of-way. The Board agreed by unanimous consent and Mr. Bailey stated that he would get with Commissioner Burnam and review the site.

- Mr. McCormick presented the Board with a copy of the Florida Statutes regarding ATV's on county roads.
- Chairman Smith stated that the Board members need to contact their Recreation Board members and encourage them to attend the Recreation Board meetings.
- Chairman Smith also advised the Board that company may make a request of the county in the near future to demolish a building for an economic development opportunity.

There being no further business before the Board, the Chairman recessed the meeting at 11:30 a.m.



JOSH SMITH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:



GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK