

June 21, 2016

JASPER, FLORIDA

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Robert Brown, Josh Smith, Buster Oxendine and Randy Ogburn, Commissioner Beth Burnam was absent. Also present was County Attorney John McCormick, County Coordinator Louie Goodin 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.

SHERIFF EXPLORERS – EMILY LUMPKIN

Sheriff Explorer’s director Emily Lumpkin addressed the Board requesting financial assistance in the amount of \$6,300 to allow the Explorers to attend the State Conference. Ms. Lumpkin stated that the request was due to the recent budget cuts and that the students in the Explorer program have been very dedicated and successful.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to declare an emergency and approve the request from Ms. Lumpkin in the amount of \$6,300 for the Sheriffs Explorers due to the timeline for the State Conference. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

PRESENTATION OF PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES – SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT – ABBY JOHNSON

Abby Johnson, with the SRWMD, presented the Board with the prior year’s Payment In Lieu of Taxes for Hamilton County in the amount of \$37,156.48. The Board thanked Ms. Johnson for the warrant and for the work of the SRWMD.

ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT

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

SW 54TH DRIVE – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the request to mill a portion of SW 54th Drive, would consist of approximately 116 tons of milling and would cover the portion of the road just past the entrance of Harvest Fellowship Church. After a lengthy discussion about other Churches having similar requests, the Board directed staff to provide the Board with a list of all Churches in the county that are located on a dirt road in order to consider milling for them all.

1ST STREET, NW 96TH PLACE, JOHNS STREET – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that these projects are close to being completed.

SW 59TH DRIVE – Mr. Bailey advised that he is still waiting on approval from FDOT in order to let bids for the paving project. The Board agreed to allow staff to proceed with the bid process upon approval from FDOT.

LOVES BY-PASS – Mr. Bailey stated that work is continuing on the right-of-way description for the Loves By-pass project. The Board agreed to allow staff to move forward with the project and to negotiate with the landowners.

BARBARA HARRIS – DISCUSS NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS TO JENNNINGS BLUFF ROAD AND REQUEST A TIMELINE FOR THESE IMPROVEMENTS

Ms. Harris was not present for the meeting.

SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors was not present for the meeting; however, County Coordinator gave the Board an update on the current Ship and CDBG grants.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the Consent Agenda pulling Item #6 (FDOT Agreement) for further discussion. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

PROJECT BARK – DISCUSSION

Attorney Cliff Adams advised the Board that staff is proceeding with the Title Commitment for the property and that objections with the title have been filed. Mr. Adams stated that the proposed closing date is set for July 1st and that an extension would be nice in order to give PCS's attorneys an opportunity to respond to the title objections. Mike Williams, with PCS Phosphate, was present and stated that an extension would be granted. Mr. Williams explained the process of answering the title concerns and the Board and Mr. Williams agreed to set the closing date for July 20th.

EAST COAST HEAD START PROGRAM – MIKE WILCOX, REQUEST FOR SCHOOL ZONE DESIGNATION AND REDUCED SPEED LIMIT FOR FACILITY

Mike Wilcox, with East Coast Head Start, addressed the Board with a concern regarding the speed of the traffic on CR-143. Mr. Wilcox stated that he is trying to determine a speed limit change for the school zone and that his company would willing to pay for the necessary equipment and signage. Commissioner Smith reminded Mr. Wilcox as to the ingress / egress as suggested by the Board during the public hearing that would have allowed the ingress / egress to have been placed on CR-152 rather than CR-143. Engineer Greg Bailey stated that once the driveway / development permit is issued the determination can be made as to the appropriate zoning. Mr. Bailey explained the option of a school zone and also stated that the owner could utilize advisory signage which would notify the traffic of a school but would not be enforceable. Mr. Bailey also explained the possible reduction of the speed limit to 45 mph with the cost to be that of the applicant. Mr. Wilcox stated that he would be satisfied with the advisory signs. The Board agreed by unanimous consent to allow the advisory signs to be utilized. Mr. Wilcox then invited the Board to tour the facility and thanked them for their attention to the matter.

**SECOND PUBLIC HEARING – CPA 16-01 (WHITE DIAMOND) –
FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT TO CHANGE 3 ACRES
FROM HIGHWAY INTERCHANGE TO RESIDENTIAL , HIGH
DENSITY (CONTINUED FROM MAY 17, 2016 MEETING)**

Chairman Ogburn recessed the regular Board meeting and called the public hearing (CPA 16-01 White Diamond) to order at 6:48 p.m.

Land Use Administrator Shannon Williams explained that the action before the Board to amend the Future Land Use Map of the Hamilton County Comprehensive Plan by changing the Future Land Use Classification from Highway Interchange to High Density Residential on parcel 2887-000.

There being no comments from the Board or public, Chairman Ogburn closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular Board meeting at 6:49 p.m.

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to deny application CPA 16-01 (White Diamond). Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**SECOND PUBLIC HEARING – LDR 16-01 (WHITE DIAMOND) –
ZONING CHANGE FOR 3 ACRES FROM COMMERCIAL HIGHWAY
INTERCHANGE TO RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY -2
(CONTINUED FROM MAY 17, 2016 MEETING)**

Chairman Ogburn recessed the regular Board meeting and called the public hearing (CPA 16-01 White Diamond) to order at 6:40 p.m.

Land Use Administrator Shannon Williams explained that the action before the Board to amend the Official Zoning Atlas of the Hamilton County Land Development Regulations by changing the Zoning Classification from Commercial Highway Interchange (CHI) to Residential, Multifamily -2 (RMF-2) on parcel 2887-000. Ms. Williams advised the Board that the applicant was not present for the public hearing. Commissioner Smith shared his concerns from his constituents regarding the use of the facility and also was concerned about the pedestrian traffic. After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed that the location could pose traffic safety issues and would be better suited for another location.

There being no further comments from the Board or public, Chairman Ogburn closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular Board meeting at 6:47 p.m.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to deny application LDR 16-01 (White Diamond). Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The Board requested that the Land Use staff explain the Board's concerns with the application with the applicant.

SECOND PUBLIC HEARING FOR SE 16-01 (FAIRCHILD) SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO ALLOW FOR A CAMPGROUND (HUNTING CAMP) IN AN AG-4 ZONING DISTRICT

Chairman Ogburn recessed the regular Board meeting and called the public hearing (SE 16-01 (Fairchild)) to order at 6:50 p.m.

Land Use Administrator Shannon Williams explained the action before the Board for a special exception to allow the development of a private hunting campsite on their grounds, measuring 38.762 acres (Parcel 2253-000). Robert Tomlinson was present to represent the Fairchild's. Commissioner Oxendine questioned Mr. Tomlinson per the request for 200 amps. Mr. Tomlinson stated that they have a septic tank installed on the property and there will only be two (2) campers and a warehouse for storage on the property. The Board explained that similar requests have been denied by the Board due to individuals not fulfilling their intentions as to what will be placed on the property once the 200 amp service is approved. Mr. Tomlinson explained the purpose and intent of their request. Mr. Tomlinson also presented the Board with a copy of how they utilize the property. The Board stated that once the Building Official signs off on the 200 amp service that there is nothing that can be done to ensure that the Fairchild's or anyone else will adhere to what they say the property will be used for. Land Use Administrator Megan Carter also discussed her initial conversation with the Fairchild's regarding their use of the property. Attorney Cliff Adams advised the Board that the neighboring property owner Albert Norris had no objection to the request by the Fairchild's. The Board discussed the possibility of placing a condition to the application that there would only be two (2) campers on the property, Mr. Tomlinson stated that the Fairchild's would not have an issue with a condition / stipulation if approved.

There being no further comment from the Board or public, Chairman Ogburn closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular Board meeting at 7:12 p.m.

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to deny SE 16-01 (Fairchild). Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion did not carry due to a two (2) to two (2) vote. Voting for the motion was Commissioner Oxendine and Commissioner Smith, against was Commissioner Brown and Chairman Ogburn.
- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to approve SE 16-01 (Fairchild) with the condition that there will only be two (2) campers on the property at any given time. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

EXTENSION OF DRINKING HOURS TO 2 A.M. AND DISCUSSION OF OTHER MATTERS SUCH AS BUILDING ON THE INTERSTATE AND SELLING ALCOHOL ON SUNDAYS – KEVIN BELL

Mr. Bell was not present for the meeting.

POTASH CORP – WHITE SPRINGS – REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED DRAGLINE CROSSING – MIKE WILLIAMS:

- A) #5 Dragline crossing 120th Ave. the week of August 8, 2016**
- B) #2 Dragline crossing CR 137 the week of August 29, 2016**

Mike Williams, with PCS Phosphate, made the following request of the Board, #5 Dragline will be crossing 120th Ave. the week of August 8, 2016 and the #2 Dragline will be crossing CR-137 the week of August 29, 2016. Mr. Williams stated that PCS will handle the advertising and signage for the crossings.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to allow the Dragline crossings as requested by PCS Phosphate. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

FISCAL YEAR 2015 AUDIT REVIEW – KEN DANIELS, COUNTY AUDITOR

County Auditor Ken Daniels presented the Board with the fiscal year 2015 audit.

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to accept the 2014 / 2015 FY audit as presented by County Auditor Ken Daniels. Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

LOCAL OPTION FUEL TAX

The Board signed all three (3) Municipalities Inter-local Agreement for the distribution of the Local Option Fuel Tax.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to approve the bills (vouchers 116828 – 117041 and checks 051707 – 051812). Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #6

County Attorney John McCormick presented the Board with corrections to the construction and maintenance agreement with the FDOT.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to adopt the resolution with the changes proposed by legal staff. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that the Hamilton County Historical Society will have its Grand Opening for the museum Thursday at 10:00 a.m.
- Mr. Goodin also stated that the PCS Annual Report is being reviewed by staff.

- Mr. Goodin advised the Board of the DEO meeting on June 30th concerning economic development.
- Commissioner Smith advised the Board that Sabal Trail may possibly utilize the county water supply while working in the county.
- Commissioner Smith also announced that he would be absent from the next Board meeting due to a training class.
- County Attorney John McCormick presented the Board with information regarding the county's alcohol sales.
- Mr. McCormick also requested that the Board allow County Auditor Ken Daniels to review the letter regarding the PCS Phosphate's financial condition. The Board agreed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Ogburn adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

RANDY OGBURN, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

