

July 5, 2016

JASPER, FLORIDA

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Meeting Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Robert Brown, Randy Ogburn, Beth Burmam, and Buster Oxendine, Commissioner Smith was not present due to a work related issue. 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.

CAREER SOURCES / NORTH FLORIDA WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT – SHERYL REHBERG

Sheryl Rehberg, with Career Sources, addressed the Board and presented a brief history of the North Florida Workforce Development Board and recognized Doug Whitaker as a long time board member due to his recent decision to retire.

SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors was not present for the meeting; therefore, County Coordinator Louie Goodin presented the Board with a status report of the current CDBG and Ship projects. The Board reviewed the list for round #1 Ship applicants with a recommendation to approve by Mr. Nabors.

- Motion by Commissioner Burnam to accept the round #1 applications as recommended by Ship/CDBG Administrator Spencer Nabors and to allow staff to let bids for the projects. 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 projects.

LOVES BYPASS – Mr. Bailey stated that the work to identify the right-of-way for the Loves Bypass is continuing and that the plans and survey will be ready within a few weeks.

SW 59th DRIVE – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the SW 59th Drive construction plans are complete and that FDOT is still in the process of providing comments for the paving project.

1ST STREET, NW 96TH PLACE, JOHNS STREET – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the construction for these projects is close to completion and that the contractor will resume work on July 11th.

MILLING FOR CHURCHES – County Coordinator Louie Goodin presented the Board with a list of Churches in the county that are located on dirt roads and the distances to be considered for milling. Commissioner Burnam stated that she has been contacted by the Lily of the Valley numerous times about milling or paving the road to their Church. Chairman Ogburn recommended that the Board consider milling the roads on the list for the Churches and to also consider milling just past the Swift Creek Methodist Church due to continuous issues with the hill just past Swift Creek.

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to approve the list of milling for the dirt roads to Churches as presented, extend the milling past Swift Creek for the Swift Creek Methodist Church and to correct the distance for the Triumph Church in Bellville. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

SW 87TH TERRACE – SPEED LIMIT STUDY – Mr. Bailey discussed with the Board his review of the speed limit for SW 87th Terrace and recommended that the speed limit be 35 mph. The Board agreed for Mr. Bailey to provide the proper documentation in order for the Board to take action.

SW 79th DRIVE – Mr. Bailey explained the invoice from Cardno for the survey and stated that FDOT is now requesting that only half of the project be

paved.

PUBLIC HEARING – AMENDMENTS TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BASED ON FINDINGS OF THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP ANALYSIS REPORT AS PROVIDED FOR AND FUNDED BY A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Chairman Ogburn recessed the regular Board meeting and called the public hearing to order at 9:24 a.m.

Land Use Administrator Megan Carter explained the action before the Board and reviewed the draft of the proposed amendments and changes to the Hamilton County Comprehensive Plan. The Board discussed the issues and requested that Ms. Carter clarify the Special Exception rules in the Land Development Regulations regarding section 1.1.6 (size requirements for small businesses).

There being no further questions or comments from the public or Board, Chairman Ogburn closed the public hearing at 9:40 a.m.

Ms. Carter addressed the Board again later in the meeting and clarified the language as to Special Exceptions as previously requested by the Board.

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to approve for the draft Comprehensive Plan Amendments to be transmitted to the Department of Economic Opportunity for further review. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Motion by Commissioner Burnam to approve the Consent Agenda and to pull item # 1 (NFPS Task Order) for further discussion. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

HAMILTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Economic Development Director Susan Ramsey was not in attendance.

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK – STATUS REPORT

Veteran Service Officer Bo Beauchemin was not able to be in attendance; therefore, County Coordinator Louie Goodin gave the Board a status report on the Veterans Memorial Park and advised the Board that there was nothing new to report. Mr. Goodin then stated that the Veterans Memorial Park Committee would like to thank the Board for their support of the park.

DISCUSSION OF PROJECT BARK

Attorney Cliff Adams advised the Board that the title objections have been issued to PCS's attorney and that access will need to be provided for a commercial railroad crossing. Mr. Adams stated that as of yet legal staff hasn't received a response from PCS. Mike Williams, with PCS Phosphate, advised the Board that PCS doesn't feel that they should be responsible for the cost of a commercial crossing. Mr. Adams stated that the Board may need to consider requesting an extension due to the issues with Enerpellets. Mr. Adams also stated that the Board should request a 60 ft. easement from PCS which would allow access to the property from the Genoa crossing until the other crossing issue can be addressed. County Coordinator Louie Goodin stated that his conversation with Project Bark appears to be more favorable due to the increase in the market. Commissioner Oxendine stated that the Board should move forward with the purchase of the property and also disclosed that he was an employee of Norfolk Southern; however, he has nothing to do with the decisions of the company. After a lengthy discussion, the Board directed staff to proceed with the purchase of the property from PCS Phosphate, make application for a commercial crossing and request a 60ft easement from the Genoa crossing from PCS Phosphate.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the bills (vouchers 117042 – 117577 and checks 051813 – 051929). Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote. Commissioner Oxendine stated that the bills contain invoices from Northfolk Southern; however, he has nothing to do with that portion of the company as an employee.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #1 – NFPS TASK ORDER

Chairman Ogburn requested that staff review the request from NFPS in order to ensure the action taken by the Board.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin announced the ribbon cutting for the Withlacoochee Wastewater Treatment Plant for the City of Valdosta on Tuesday July 12th at 8:00 a.m.
- Mr. Goodin gave the Board a report from the DEO meeting in Orlando.
- Mr. Goodin announced the Technical Working Group meeting at 1:00 p.m. today at the Courthouse Annex.
- Mr. Goodin requested that the Board allow him to hire a temporary employee if necessary due to the employees at the Building Department possibly needing extended leave time. The Board agreed by unanimous consent.
- Commissioner Burnam thanked the Board for the paving of John's Street and stated that it looked great. Commissioner Burnam also stated that the 4th of July fireworks were very impressive.
- Attorney Cliff Adams advised the Board that he has received a proposed deed from the Development Authority for the Gap Roofing property and will present it to the Board for consideration at the next Board meeting.
- Clerk of Court Greg Godwin announced that the ground breaking ceremony for the new Elementary School will be Monday, July 11th at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Ogburn adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

RANDY OGBURN, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

