

JULY 16, 2013

JASPER, FLORIDA

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, July 16, 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 was absent.

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.

ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT

Phil Bishop, with North Florida Professional Services, was present for the Board meeting due to Engineer Greg Bailey being absent. Mr. Bishop gave the Board a status report on the current road and building projects.

CR-135 BID AWARD – Mr. Bishop discussed the CR-135 resurfacing bid with the Board and presented a bid summary outlining the negotiated reduction in the bid price by Anderson Columbia in the amount of \$200,000. Mr. Bishop also stated that a request has been forwarded to FDOT for an additional \$250,000 for the project. Chairman Ogburn advised the Board of the discussion that was held with Tony Williams from Anderson Columbia regarding the savings. Chairman Ogburn also stated that he discussed the need for additional right-of-way with a SRWMD representative and that it would need to be taken before their board, however, he didn't foresee a problem with the additional right-of-way needed for the bridge extension.

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to approve the following:
 1. Close CR-135 for the bridge extension.
 2. Widen the bridge on the east side only.
 3. Award the contract for the resurfacing project to Anderson Columbia in the amount of \$2,907,795.50.

Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARING – PETITION TO CLOSE A PUBLIC ROAD – NW 9TH DRIVE

Chairman Ogburn recessed the regular meeting and called the public hearing (Petition to close a public road – Bradley Shaffner) to order at 6:23 p.m.

Nicole Burgess addressed the Board and stated that she had previously attempted to close NW 9th Drive. Ms. Burgess stated that if the road was closed she would like to have a sign posted near her residence in order to deter traffic from turning around and being on the road and on her property. Ms. Burgess also questioned the Board as to if the road is closed where the motor grader would be turning around. Chairman Ogburn stated that County Coordinator Danny Johnson talked to Tommy Mathis and Mr. Swilley, near-by residents about the closing of the road and they were opposed to the road being closed. Chairman Ogburn stated that according to Mr. Johnson there were others that were also opposed to the road being closed. The Board discussed the stance of the SRWMD and stated that they claim ownership of the highest elevation of the river. George Roberson stated that he opposes any road closure unless in an emergency situation due to limiting people's access to the river. Dennis Price advised the Board that he has used the right-of-way before and also further explained the claim by SRWMD to the State's property. County Attorney John McCormick questioned the Board about the hearing and stated that it is the responsibility of the petitioner to be present in order to answer the questions and concerns. Chairman Ogburn advised the Board that Mr. Johnson was to contact Mr. Shaffner only as a courtesy. Chairman Ogburn also reminded the Board that according to the Echols County Board Chairman that if there was opposition that they would not be willing to enter into an Inter-Local Agreement to assist with the maintenance of NW 9th Drive. Mr. Roberson also discussed the nearest access to the river from the road in question. Sharon McCloud was present and stated that the Sassor's Landing road had flooded during the recent heavy rain, however, the Road Department did a great job of cleaning up the damage.

There being no further comments from the public or the Board, Chairman Ogburn closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular Board meeting at 6:50 p.m.

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to deny the petition to close the public road (NW 9th Drive). Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a four (4) to one (1) vote. Voting against the motion was Commissioner Smith.

CONTINUATION OF COUNTY ROAD PROJECTS

Mr. Bishop presented the Board with SR-6 / I-75 Wastewater and Water system options as requested by the Board. Mr. Bishop discussed the three options for each system with the Board stating that they would consider them and further discuss the issue at a later date. The options were as follows:

Wastewater System Options:

1. Cease system operations.
2. Increase number of customers on the system.

3. Request from FDEP to allow FDOH to regulate the wastewater operation.

Water System Options:

1. Cease system operations.
2. Increase number of customers on the system.
3. Construct water main from City of Jasper or from Town of Jennings. The cost of this option is estimated at 1.2 to 1.5 million dollars.

Mark Lander, with the Department of Health, advised the Board that the Department of Health would have the record of abandonment for the septic systems if needed.

CR-6 EAST PAVING PROJECT – Mr. Bishop stated that FDOT is changing their management of the SCRAP and SCOP programs and will be sending inspectors out to inspect the projects prior to final payout. The Board discussed the concerns from FDOT and the Board regarding the segregation of the asphalt on CR-6. Mr. Bishop stated that Engineer Greg Bailey has issued a letter to Anderson Columbia stating that the situation will be monitored for six (6) months and that Anderson Columbia is offering a three (3) year warranty for the road. Mr. Bishop explained that the main issue was due to Anderson Columbia not utilizing a shuttle buggy for the resurfacing project. The Board stated that they intend to require the use of a shuttle buggy for all future projects. Mr. Bishop advised the Board that Anderson has already agreed to use a shuttle buggy on the CR-135 paving project at no cost to the county. Chairman Ogburn and the Board stated that the warranty should be for five (5) years rather than three (3). The Board also questioned staff as to why the inspector did not discover the issues during the resurfacing of the road. The Board then stated that the entire Board would review the road during the next meeting and that the signatures for the contract to resurface CR-135 will be held until Anderson Columbia agrees to offer a five (5) year warranty for the CR-6 resurfacing project.

**HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT – MARK LANDER,
ADMINISTRATOR – PRESENTATION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH
IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR HAMILTON COUNTY**

Health Department Administrator Mark Lander presented the Board with the Community Health Improvement Plan for Hamilton County. Mr. Lander stated that the plan will be posted on the Health Department's website on August 1. Mr. Lander reviewed the seven (7) key community activities for better health. The Board thanked Mr. Lander for the presentation with Mr. Lander stating that he will be reporting regularly to the Board in regards to the plan in the future. Mr. Lander also thanked the Board for the replacement of the roof on the Health Department.

**DENNIS PRICE – ENTERPRISE ZONE MAPPING AND TOURIST
DEVELOPMENT STAFF POSITION**

Dennis Price addressed the Board regarding the merging of the TDC secretary position with the Chamber of Commerce assistant in order to have an individual more

assessable to the public and provide extended hours. Mr. Price advised that the Chamber has agreed to the merging of the position.

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to allow the TDC contribution of \$500 a month to be sent to the Chamber and to combine the TDC secretary and Chamber assistant position. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Price then advised the Board that he has completed the new zones for the Enterprise Zone. Mr. Price discussed the new zones and stated that the lines could still be moved if needed. Mr. Price presented the Board with the changes to the Jasper area and stated that Jennings and White Springs lines have been changed as well. Mr. Price stated that the entire Enterprise Zone must be twenty (20) miles or less and that the legislative action to create the zones will sunset in 2016. The Board thanked Mr. Price for his work on the Enterprise Zones.

SHIP PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

The Board stated that according to Mr. Nabors that there is nothing to report in regards to Ship at the current time.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

RURAL HEALTH CLINIC

Chairman Ogburn advised the Board that staff is still waiting on a figure from Philip's for the construction of an x-ray room and that three (3) phase power will also be needed for the clinic. The Board agreed for staff to negotiate with the building owner once a figure has been determined for the x-ray room. Chairman Ogburn then stated that the Development Authority approved the grant request for the equipment for the Rural Health Clinic. Chairman Ogburn also advised the Board that Anglin Construction Company has begun the removal of asbestos from the Hospital building.

INCOMPLETE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN COUNTY – DISCUSSION

County Attorney John McCormick advised the Board that he is still working on this issue and will bring legal options back to the Board for review at the next Board meeting.

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK – STATUS REPORT

Chairman Ogburn stated that there is nothing to report regarding the Veterans Memorial Park.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner Burnam to approve the bills (vouchers 096459 – 096679 and checks 042767 – 042867). Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT – CITY OF JASPER ANIMAL CONTROL

County Attorney John McCormick presented the Board with the Inter-Local Agreement between the City of Jasper and the Board for Animal Control.

- Motion by Commissioner Burnam to declare an emergency and approve the Inter-Local Agreement between the City of Jasper and the Board for Animal Control in the unincorporated areas. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

LYNN LAKE SUBDIVISION - RESURFACING OF ROADS

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the Inter-Local Agreement with the City of Jasper for the resurfacing of the roads in the Lynn Lake Subdivision. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

PROMOTION FROM RANK I TO II UF EXTENSION OFFICE – HEATHER FUTCH

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to declare an emergency and to approve the salary increase for Heather Futch due to promoting from Rank I to Rank II. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

NW 23RD BLVD. – DISCUSSION OF ACQUISITION OF RIGHT OF WAY

Chairman Ogburn questioned the timeliness of the acquisition of the right-of-way for the NW 23rd Blvd. road paving project. Commissioner Burnam advised the Board that she and staff met with individuals that live along NW 23rd Blvd. and discussed the acquisition of right-of-way. The Board discussed the need for individuals to donate their property where possible and questioned whether there are adequate funds from FDOT to pave the road. Commissioner Burnam then asked the Board for direction as to what is expected of staff in regards to the acquisition of right-of-way due to some of the individuals requesting to be paid for their property. The Board cautioned Commissioner Burnam about being involved in the actual negotiation of the right-of-way and suggested that staff be responsible for the final deal making. After a lengthy discussion the Board agreed for Commissioner Burnam and

staff to meet with as many individuals as possible in order to determine the number of individuals that are willing to donate their property for the right-of-way. The Board also directed NFPS to provide the Board with an estimate for the construction of the road. Commissioner Burnam then discussed the issues with the right-of-way map and alignment of the road.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Commissioner Smith questioned the Board about the possibility of spraying for mosquitos in the unincorporated areas. After a brief discussion the Board stated that it was not cost effective to spray for mosquitos in the unincorporated areas.
- Commissioner Oxendine advised the Board that the Development Authority funded the batting cages in the amount of \$10,000. Commissioner Oxendine also discussed with the Board the generator that is located at the hospital. Commissioner Oxendine stated that he was approached by an individual to purchase the generator and stated that the unit would be worth approximately \$30,000. The Board agreed to have the generator and fuel tank removed as a unit prior to the demolition of the hospital.
- The Board requested that the Clerk contact IT coordinator Frank Pulliam and get a new email system for the Board.
- The Board was contacted about the street lights at the high school track, maintenance supervisor William Mitchell will check on the lights.
- The Board announced that the first budget meeting would be held on August 6, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.
- The Board discussed the application process for the three (3) in house applicants for the County Coordinator's position and stated that they would need to apply online through the North Florida Workforce.
- Chairman Ogburn advised the Board that construction is still ongoing on Jewitt Street and that the I- beams have been set for the sign at the PCS / Hamilton County Industrial Park.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Ogburn adjourned the meeting at 9:34 p.m.

RANDY OGBURN, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK