

October 20, 2015

JASPER, FLORIDA

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, October 20, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Robert Brown, Randy Ogburn, Josh Smith, Buster Oxendine and Beth Burnam, a full Board being present. Also present was County Coordinator Louie Goodin, County Attorney John McCormick and Attorney Cliff Adams.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Josh Smith and led in prayer by County Attorney John McCormick with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Chairman Smith.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN / VICE CHAIRMAN

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to elect Commissioner Ogburn as the Chairman and Commissioner Burnam as the Vice Chairman. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Chairman Smith thanked the Board for their support during the time that he has served as Chairman.

ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT

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

BID AWARD – SURVEYOR FOR SW 59TH DRIVE – Mr. Bailey discussed with the Board the bids for the surveying of SW 59th Drive and recommended J. Sherman Frier & Associates in the amount of \$10,325.00 as the low bid.

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to accept the bid from J. Sherman Frier in amount \$10,325.00 for the surveying of SW 59th Drive. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CR-143 – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the CR-143 resurfacing project is complete and that the invoice for the retainage is before the Board for approval.

44th STREET – Mr. Bailey advised that he is still working on the speed limit for 44th Street.

NW 23RD BLVD. – Mr. Bailey stated that the Road Department needs a survey in order to determine the boundary lines for a parcel on NW 23rd Blvd. The Board agreed to allow staff to get quotes for the survey.

SUWANNEE VALLEY NURSING CENTER – Mr. Bailey advised that he is getting the information together for a task order for the Board to consider on the Suwannee Valley Nursing Center.

SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors, was not present for the meeting due to there being nothing to report. County Coordinator Louie Goodin stated that the CDBG monitoring visit from DEO on November 6th went well.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

PUBLIC HEARING – SPES 15-01 SPECIAL PERMIT FOR ESSENTIAL SERVICES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ELECTRICAL SUB-STATION (DUKE ENERGY-JASPER SOUTH PROJECT)

Chairman Ogburn recessed the Board meeting and called the public hearing (SPES 15-01) to order at 6:16 p.m.

Land Use Administrator Megan Carter explained the application before the Board and stated that the previous application had been tabled. Ms. Carter then advised the Board that the Planning and Zoning Board recommended denial of the application due to the location, noise and de-evaluation of nearby and adjacent property values. Danny Collins, a representative of Duke Energy, addressed the Board and requested that the application be withdrawn in order to allow their company to discuss the concerns with the public and nearby residents.

There being no further comments or questions from the Board or public, Chairman Ogburn closed the public hearing and reopened the Board meeting at 6:19 p.m.

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to withdraw the application as requested by Duke Energy. Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.
- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to honor the request from Duke Energy to postpone the public hearing until the January 5, 2016 Board meeting at 9:30 a.m. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARING – SPES 15-02 SPECIAL PERMIT FOR ESSENTIAL SERVICES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ELECTRICAL SUB-STATION (DUKE ENERGY-JASPER SOUTH PROJECT)

Chairman Ogburn recessed the Board meeting and called the public hearing (SPES 15-02) to order at 6:26 p.m.

Land Use Administrator Megan Carter explained the application before the Board and stated that this application is similar to the previous application but located as the Suwannee Springs project. Ms. Carter then advised the Board that the Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval of the application.

Danny Collins, a representative of Duke Energy, addressed the Board and explained the workings of the project as a means to improve the reliability of their utilities. Mr. Collins stated that the property is currently zoned AG-4 and that Duke Energy will not be utilizing the entire parcel of land.

There being no further comments or questions from the Board or public, Chairman Ogburn closed the public hearing and reopened the Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.

- Motion by Commissioner Burnam to approve SPES 15-02 (Duke Energy). Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARING – VAR 15-01 – PETITION FOR VARIANCE (RAMOS)

Chairman Ogburn recessed the Board meeting and called the public hearing (VAR 15-01) to order at 6:32 p.m.

Land Use Administrator Megan Carter explained the application before the Board and stated that the applicant has requested to withdraw their application due to the issue no longer existing.

There being no further comments or questions from the Board or public, Chairman Ogburn closed the public hearing and reopened the Board meeting at 6:34 p.m.

NW 23RD BLVD - DEED ACCEPTANCE

Attorney Cliff Adams gave the Board a status report on the right-of-way acquisition for NW 23rd Blvd and stated that there is nothing new to report. Mr. Adams advised the Board that he is still working with the last landowner and that if no significant progress is made will recommend the Board to proceed with an eminent domain case.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

County Coordinator Louie Goodin presented the Board with correspondence for Project Bark requesting a possible change in the incentive package as presented by the Board. Mr. Goodin stated that Project Bark is still waiting on the Development Authority incentive package. Commissioner Oxendine stated that the Board put together the best incentive package available. The Board agreed by unanimous consent to stay with the incentive package as previously approved by the Board.

BID AWARD – BACKHOE / LOADER

The Board reviewed the bids for the Backhoe / Loader. The bids were as follows with each vendor stating that the equipment would be available in ninety (90) days:

1. Ring Power - \$95,381.00
2. Beard Equipment - \$98,700.00

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to award the bid for the Backhoe / Loader to Ring Power as the low bid in the amount of \$95,381.00. Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The Board directed staff to discuss with Road Superintendent James Bell as to his intentions for the old Backhoe / Loader.

BID AWARD – BULLDOZER

The Board reviewed the bids for the Bulldozer. The bids were as follows:

1. Ring Power \$135,217.00 (new with system one undercarriage)
\$130,209.00 (new with salt undercarriage)
\$115,939.00 (used with system one undercarriage)
2. Linder Industrial Machinery Co. - \$121,961.00 new
3. Beard Equipment Co. - \$134,900.00 new

Todd Sandlin, with Ring Power, explained the undercarriage and the

perks for the Ring Power equipment. Mr. Sandlin also stated that there was a typo on the bid and should have stated 5 years or 3,000 hours. Jacob Brown, with Linder Industrial Machinery explained the undercarriage for the Kamatsu and stated that their bid included a free 3year 2,000 hour maintenance program and will also include travel time ect. Steve Carter, with Beard Equipment thanked the Board for how the bid process was handled.

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to award the bid for the Bulldozer to Linder Industrial Machinery as the low bid in the amount of \$121,961.00. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The Board directed Mr. Goodin to check with the Road Department in order to determine whether to keep or sell the old Bulldozer.

RESOLUTION – TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENTS

The Board discussed the current membership and the members that have resigned. Staff advised that A.J. Gandhi will be moving to a different position and Cindy Eatmon will be a new at large member. Staff will inquire about a new Motel owner and other Commissioners will also discuss with a couple of individuals about serving on the Council.

DISCUSSION OF CHANGE IN NOTIFICATIONS TO PUBLIC RE: PUBLIC HEARINGS, SPECIAL MEETINGS, ETC.

Commissioner Burnam suggested that the Board consider changing the current way of advertising public hearings and special meetings due to the public not being aware. The Board discussed the Code Red System that is used by Emergency Management, possible letters to adjacent property owners and the construction of larger signs / banners. After a lengthy discussion, the Board directed staff to get quotes for 4X4 banners and signs in order to allow the public better notification of Land Use changes and Board activities.

FUTURE LAND USE CHANGE / AMENDMENT PACKAGE – CPA 15-01 – DISCUSSION OF LANGUAGE

Land Use Administrator Megan Carter presented the Board with information regarding the possible change in the language in CPA 15-01 with Department of Education. After discussing the language, the Board agreed by unanimous consent to leave the language as previously approved.

PLANNING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT – STATUS REPORT

Land Use Administrator Megan Carter gave the Board a status report regarding the initial meeting for the Planning Technical Assistance Grant and advised the Board that the group will continue to work on the plan and that the meeting was a success.

CIRCLE OF LIFE ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY – MILTON SMITH

Mr. Smith was unable to attend the meeting due to a medical issue with a family member.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the bills, (vouchers 112592 – 113008 and checks 049986 – 050167). Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin announced that Marco Rubio's staff will be in Jasper on November 20th @ 11:30 a.m.
- Commissioner Burnam discussed with the Board the future study by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Counsel for the I-75 Corridor that should be able to relieve congestion.
- Commissioner Oxendine announced that he would not be in attendance for the next Board meeting due to having surgery.
- Commissioner Smith questioned staff as to SW 71st Loop. Staff advised

that they will review the road and determine if the county has ever provided maintenance.

- Attorney Cliff Adams requested that Raj Doobay be placed on the agenda for the next meeting in order for the Board to discuss what actions to take.
- Danny Collins introduced himself as the new public relations director for Duke Energy.

There being no further business before the Board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

RANDY OGBURN, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

