

**November 15, 2016**

**JASPER, FLORIDA**

**REGULAR SESSION**

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Robert Brown, Randy Ogburn, Beth Burnam, Buster Oxendine and Josh Smith, 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 Randy Ogburn and led in prayer by John McCormick with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Chairman Ogburn.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the Consent Agenda and to pull Item 1A (Minutes). Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**MOTOR GRADER BID AWARD**

Chairman Ogburn reviewed the Motor Grader bid results with the Board. County Coordinator Louie Goodin discussed the brief testing of the graders by the county operators. A bid tabulation sheet was presented to the Board with all options listed per the bids from Ring Power and Beard Equipment. Todd Sandlin, with Ring Power, discussed his bid with the Board. Commissioner Smith questioned Mr. Sandlin about the bounce of the Caterpillar Grader as stated by the county operators. Mr. Sandlin stated that the Graders do have bounce but only at high speeds and that their company has never had a complaint except from Hamilton County. The Board discussed the bid proposal from Beard Equipment with Steve Carter and whether their bid included a scarifier to which Mr. Carter stated that it was included. After a discussion of the options available the Board took the following action.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to award the bid for the Motor Grader to Beard Equipment in the amount of \$219,000.00 (Cash Price). 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.

**NW 23<sup>RD</sup> BLVD/SW 59<sup>TH</sup> DRIVE** – Mr. Bailey presented the Board with the contracts for the NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Blvd. and SW 59<sup>th</sup> Drive paving projects.

- Motion by Commissioner Burnam to approve the contracts for the NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Blvd. and SW 59<sup>th</sup> Drive paving projects. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Bailey advised the Board that NFPS would be providing the inspection for the NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Blvd. paving project and that Mr. Cox will be providing the inspection for SW 59<sup>th</sup> Drive.

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the Supplemental Agreement Resolution for SW 59<sup>th</sup> Drive. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**SPEED LIMIT SIGN** – Commissioner Smith discussed with the Board an issue within his district of a sign placed on a county road by an individual stating 15 mph. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed by unanimous consent for the Road Department to place a yellow mph sign on the road.

## **SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT**

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors had nothing to report.

## **CLAY LAMBERT – DISCUSSION OF TEMPORARY USE PERMIT FOR SQUIRES AVIATION**

Clay Lambert addressed the Board regarding the issuance of a temporary use permit for Squires Aviation. Mr. Lambert requested that he be appointed to the Planning and Zoning Board due to the fact that he wasn't being represented

properly. Chairman Ogburn explained the procedure for an individual being appointed to the Planning and Zoning Board. Mr. Lambert stated that his concerns fell on deaf ears and that he had a problem with it. Mr. Lambert questioned the Board as to what benefit Squires Aviation was to the county and that it seemed that they always were given approval. Chairman Ogburn again explained the procedures of the Planning and Zoning Board. Commissioner Smith addressed Mr. Lambert's questions regarding the temporary permit for the fireworks. Commissioner Smith stated that several individuals from the county were present for the fireworks and enjoyed them. The Board apologized for the date being incorrect on the sign that was posted on the property and thanked Mr. Lambert for being willing to come to the Board to state his concerns.

### **HAMILTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Economic Development Director Susan Ramsey gave the Board a report on the first working group meeting. Ms. Ramsey stated that one of the topics discussed during the meeting was the Jennings I-75 exit. The group discussed the need for a committee/task force to be formed to prepare a development plan for the area and to see what funding may be available. The Board discussed the date for a Task Force meeting and suggested the week of December 5<sup>th</sup>; Ms. Ramsey stated that she would get the meeting schedules and also notice the meeting.

### **GIBSON PARK SIDEWALKS**

Commissioner Oxendine reviewed with the Board the need for sidewalks to accommodate individuals with better access to the restroom facilities. County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that to construct the sidewalk would require approximately 13 yards of concrete with the Road Department to do the work.

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to construct the sidewalks at Gibson Park with the Road Department to provide the labor. Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

### **ROAD DEPARTMENT WAGES**

Commissioner Oxendine recommended that the item be removed from the agenda.

## **RECREATION DEPARTMENT IMPROVEMENTS**

County Coordinator Louie Goodin discussed with the Board the need to sod areas at the Recreation Department that was omitted from the initial plan. Mr. Goodin stated that he would handle the issue and that it would take approximately 16 pallets of sod.

## **APPROVE BILLS**

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to approve the bills (vouchers 119861 – 120186 and checks 052851 – 052969). Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

## **CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin reminded the Board of the required ethics training.
- Mr. Goodin also discussed the Thanksgiving holiday and whether to close the Landfill on Saturday. The Board agreed by unanimous consent to allow the Landfill to be closed on Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> and for Mr. Jackson to post a sign as soon as possible.
- Commissioner Oxendine thanked the Board for putting up with him for eight (8) years and also thanked the constituents for allowing his to serve District 5. Commissioner Burnam stated that she has enjoyed working with him as a Commissioner. Commissioner Brown stated that he would be missed and was a very knowledgeable Commissioner. Commissioner Smith stated that Commissioner Oxendine always comes to the meeting prepared. County Attorney John McCormick stated that he agreed with what Commissioner Smith stated. Attorney Cliff Adams stated that he appreciated the hard work that Commissioner Oxendine put into being a Commissioner. County Coordinator stated that Commissioner Oxendine wasn't always nice and kind but was fair. Chairman Ogburn stated that he appreciated the respect that Commissioner Oxendine has always shown and that he has always had the County's best interest at heart.

- Commissioner Burnam announced that the Transportation Disadvantaged Board meeting will be in the Development Authority's conference room on November 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.
- Commissioner Smith advised the Board that Chris Mericle has requested that the Board consider issuing a letter to the Army Corp. of Engineers regarding Sabal Trail fracking in Lowndes and Brooks Counties under the river. The Board directed Mr. Goodin to contact Lowndes and Brooks Counties to see what the grounds would be for a letter to the Army Corp. of Engineers.
- Attorney Cliff Adams advised the Board that the Project Bark land acquisition from PCS Phosphate is forthcoming.
- The Board announced the swearing in ceremony that is to be at the School District Board room at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Ogburn adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

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RANDY OGBURN, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK



