

November 1, 2016

JASPER, FLORIDA

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, November 1, 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 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 Brown to approve the Consent Agenda. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors gave the Board a status report on the current SHIP projects. Mr. Nabors presented the Board with the bid results and recommendations for the following rehab projects:

- Mary Cooper (Rehab) – Powell \$15,000
- Rhonda Chapman (Rehab) – Powell \$16,800
- Lucille Garraghan (Rehab) – Powell \$21,000
- Marie Hines (Rehab) – FL Homes \$20,975
- Francis Williams (Rehab) – FL Homes \$20,250

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the bid results as recommended by Spencer Nabors with ITC. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Nabors also presented the Board with a request for approval of two (2) Purchase Assistance applications. Jimmy Alexander-\$12,000 and Ashley Cribbs-\$12,000.

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the Purchase Assistance applications as recommended by Spencer Nabors with ITC. 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 23RD BLVD – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that he has issued the notice of award to Anderson Columbia and that the project is currently having signage placed on site with the contract to be executed shortly.

LOVES BYPASS – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the utility pole adjustments have been approved and will cost approximately \$15,000 and the expense will be eligible under the FDOT grant.

SW 59th DRIVE – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the SW 59th Drive project is moving forward and also presented the FDOT Supplemental Agreement for signature.

SW 79TH DRIVE – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that he is continuing to work out the issues with Commissioner Smith. Commissioner Smith discussed with the Board the possibility of removing the 90 degree curve, to which Attorney Cliff Adams stated that he would discuss the issue with the property owner.

PUBLIC HEARING – SP 16-02 – APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL PERMIT FOR TEMPORARY USE BY ROBIN SQUIRES TO ALLOW A PRIVATE EVENT INCLUDING FIREWORKS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14.10, HAMILTON COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

Chairman Ogburn recessed the Board meeting and called the public hearing (SP 16-02) to order at 9:17 a.m.

Land Use Administrator Shannon Williams explained the action before the Board as an application for a special permit for temporary use by Robin Squires to allow a private event, including fireworks, on lots 1-10 of the Squires Aviation Ranch Subdivision in accordance with Section 14.10 of the Hamilton County LDR's. Ms. Williams also stated that the Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval of the application. Mr. Squires was present for the meeting and stated that he would abide by the stipulations that were discussed in the Planning and Zoning Board meeting.

There being no further questions or comments from the public or Board, Chairman Ogburn closed the public hearing and reopened the regular Board meeting at 9:20 a.m.

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to approve SP 16-02. Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a four (4) to one (1) vote. Voting against the motion was Commissioner Burnam.

ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT – CONTINUATION

County Coordinator Louie Goodin presented the Board with a list of past FDOT program requests that were not approved by FDOT. After a brief discussion the Board prioritized the following projects:

SCOP Projects:

1. SW 107th Ave, SW 55th Drive or possible (CIGP)
2. NW 86th Blvd. from existing pavement to CR-150 / Wooden Bridge
3. NW 66th Blvd. from CR-152 to CR-146

SCRAP Projects:

1. CR-132
2. NE 110th Drive to CR-51 from four (4) way stop
3. NW 13th Drive
4. NW 49th / NW 36th Loop
5. Entrance to High School

Commissioner Brown discussed the need for funding for the School Entrance. Mr. Bailey stated that the new funding for school projects would be for small projects.

HAMILTON COUNTY ALCOHOL / OTHER DRUG PREVENTION COALITION – ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON CANNABIS DISPENSING BUSINESSES

Grace McDonald, with the Hamilton County Alcohol / Other Drug Prevention Coalition, addressed the Board in regards to a temporary moratorium on cannabis dispensing businesses in Hamilton County. Ms. McDonald stated that the county needs to have an ordinance in place prior to the November 8th election. County Attorney John McCormick discussed the issue and reviewed a draft ordinance with the Board.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to adopt the ordinance as presented by County Attorney John McCormick. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

HAMILTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Economic Development Director Susan Ramsey gave the Board an update on the current economic development projects and information requests. Ms. Ramsey presented the Board with a hard copy of the presentation from the last Board meeting. Ms. Ramsey also gave a report on the recent Chamber Banquet. Ms. Ramsey then discussed the development of the Economic Development Working Group and the need to meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. Ms. Ramsey discussed with the Board the possible rotation of members and stated that she was open for suggestions.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POSITION

Commissioner Smith discussed the issue with the Board and stated that the Board of County Commissioners are held accountable by the people of the county and requested that the Board consider hiring an Economic Development Director. Commissioner Oxendine stated that the Economic Development Director hasn't given a status report in months prior to this item being placed on the agenda and since that time Ms. Ramsey has been present for every meeting. Commissioner Oxendine also stated that there is no territorialism with the Board as stated in the presentation. Commissioner Oxendine then suggested that the Board wait four (4) months in order to see how things progress and also reminded the Board that funding for the position would have to come from the Board's reserves rather than from the Economic Development funds. Ms. Ramsey stated that purpose of the Economic Development Technical Working Group is to keep the lines of communication open. After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed for Chairman Ogburn and County Coordinator Louie Goodin to attend the Technical Working Group meeting to begin the process and to re-agenda the Economic Development Position for the first meeting in March.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT – DRAFT ORDINANCE

Attorney Cliff Adams reviewed a draft of an Economic Development Agreement Ordinance with the Board. Mr. Adams requested direction from the Board regarding the advertisement for the Ordinance.

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to approve for Attorney Cliff Adams to proceed with advertising the Economic Development Agreement Ordinance. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

WATER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR POSITION

County Coordinator Louie Goodin reviewed the following proposals with the Board for the Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators position.

1. David Gause - \$25.00 per hour
2. US Water Services Corporation - \$4,389.41 per month

Commissioner Smith stated that he would need to refrain from the discussion and abstain from any vote due to his relationship with Mr. Gause. Commissioner Burnam discussed with the Board that Mr. Gause is a local person and will take pride in the job as well as having the lowest proposal. The Board then discussed the items within the contract and agreed upon a ninety (90) day notice clause for the county and operator with an automatic renewal clause.

- Motion by Commissioner Burnam to accept the proposal from David Gause as the Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator with approximately 100 hours per month at \$25 per hour with the Chairman to sign and execute the contract when prepared by staff. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote. Commissioner Smith abstained from the vote due to his relationship with Mr. Gause.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BUILDING – ADA ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS

County Coordinator Louie Goodin gave the Board a status report on the installation of the automatic doors for the Emergency Management building. Mr. Goodin advised that the doors may be installed by the Maintenance Department and that the building is in ADA Compliance with the front door and that staff will proceed to the restrooms in order to make them ADA Compliant as well.

DISCUSSION OF HAMILTON PRIMARY CLINIC FINANCIALS AND CONTRACT RENEWAL

County Coordinator Louie Goodin discussed with the Board the Clinic's financials and the need to renew the contract. Mr. Goodin advised the Board that the current contract expired on October 16, 2016 but has an automatic renewal clause built in. Mr. Goodin also stated that Shand's personnel is regularly meeting with the staff to review the issues and progress of the Clinic. Commissioner Burnam suggested that the Clinic consider recruiting a Podiatrist due to Dr. Colman leaving. Mr. Goodin advised the Board of the different services being provided by the Clinic that are not being offered at the regular Doctor's Offices. Mr. Goodin and Chairman Ogburn also gave the Board a brief report on the success of Shand's as to the advertising and recruitment of services. Commissioner Oxendine questioned the cost of the Clinic's operation

and stated that his concern is that Shand's has no skin in the game not to mention that they are probably making a profit. Chairman Ogburn explained the need for the Clinic and how the surrounding Counties are using ad-valorem taxes to supplement their medical facilities and hospitals. County Attorney John McCormick reviewed with the Board the contract renewal and provided a contract for signature if approved by the Board.

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve and execute the contract with Shand's for the Hamilton Primary Clinic. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

JENNINGS LIBRARY CARPET

County Coordinator Louie Goodin discussed the quotes received for the replacement of the carpet at the Jennings Library.

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to accept the quote from Wayne's Carpet Plus including the moving of the furniture in the amount of \$4,165.91 as the low bid. Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION OF PROJECT BARK

County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that he and Chairman Ogburn will be hosting another skype meeting with Project Bark in the next couple of weeks.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner Burnam to approve the bills (vouchers 119669 – 119860 and checks 052757 – 052850). Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin requested permission to attend the Florida Tourism Conference on Wednesday, November 30th in Orlando. The Board agreed by unanimous consent.

- Mr. Goodin announced that the PCS Phosphate Technical Working Group meeting will be Thursday, November 10th at 1:00 p.m.
- Mr. Goodin also announced the transfer of the Bailey Ogburn Park from the School Board to the Town of White Springs on November 12th at 3:00 p.m.
- Commissioner Oxendine discussed with the Board the need to provide adequate wheel chair access to the restrooms at Gibson Park. Commissioner Oxendine stated that during a recent Opportunity Hunt that individuals in wheel chairs had difficulty getting to the restrooms. The Board agreed that there needs to be a sidewalk from the asphalt parking area to the restrooms and directed staff to provide the specs and a cost estimate for the sidewalk and report back to the Board.
- Commissioner Brown requested information regarding the project with the School District and the Department of Juvenile Justice. Mr. Goodin stated that the project was no longer a consideration due to the lack of interest from the State.
- Commissioner Smith requested approximately six (6) loads of milling to be used to repair SW 90th Blvd., the Board agreed by unanimous consent.
- Chairman Ogburn notified the Board that Mike Williams, with PCS Phosphate contacted the county in order to allow the Board to be aware that the Sulfuric Gyp Stack Test is not in compliance; however, according to Mr. Williams the test was invalid.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Ogburn adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

RANDY OGBURN, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

