

December 1, 2015

JASPER, FLORIDA

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, December 1, 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 and Beth Burnam. Commissioner Buster Oxendine was absent due to having surgery. 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 Smith.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

HAMILTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

There was no one present from the Development Authority.

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK – STATUS REPORT

Veteran Service Officer Bo Beauchemin gave the Board a status report on the Veterans Memorial Park. Mr. Beauchemin thanked everyone that attended the Veterans Day ceremony and those that assisted with the traffic. Mr. Beauchemin also stated that the brick sales have surpassed 500 and that the Pavilion will be completed within the next couple of weeks. Mr. Beauchemin also reminded the Board and those in attendance to remember December 7th as the day Pearl Harbor was attacked.

SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors gave the Board a status report regarding the Ship and CDBG programs. Mr. Nabors presented the Board with bid tabulations for the following projects and recommended the Board award the bid to the following contractors:

1. Lanier – L&G Construction \$12,963.00
2. Bristol – Randy Powell Construction \$21,900.00
3. Rodgers – Randy Powell Construction \$10,500.00
4. Davis – Maurice Perkins Construction \$21,580.00
5. Edwards – Randy Powell Construction \$59,500.00

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the bids as recommended by Mr. Nabors with ITC. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Nabors advised the Board that everything is as scheduled for the closing date of the current CDBG grant.

ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT

Engineer Greg Bailey gave the Board a status report on the current road projects.

NW 23RD BLVD. – Mr. Bailey requested that the Board approve having the right of way staked for the Musgrove property. Attorney Cliff Adams advised the Board that staff has met with the Musgrove's in order to negotiate the acquisition of the needed right of way and the Appraiser is moving forward with the appraisal of the property.

- Motion by Commissioner Burnam to allow Donald Lee & Associates to establish a fifteen (15) foot right of way from the property line as requested by Mr. Bailey and Attorney Cliff Adams. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

NW 16TH AVE. – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that Scruggs has requested to delay in the NW 16th Ave. paving project until January 4th due to the holidays.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to allow Scruggs to delay the start of the NW 16th Ave. project until January 4th. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

JOHNS STREET – Mr. Bailey requested that the Board provide direction as to the tree removal on Johns Street.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to allow Engineer Greg Bailey to receive bids for the removal of a tree on Johns Street with the Road Department to clean-up site. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion by carried with a unanimous vote.

LOVES BYPASS – Mr. Bailey stated that he is working on a meeting with the Davis's and Loves to discuss the acquisition of right of way for the Loves Bypass.

MILLING – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that Anderson Columbia would be willing to sell milling from their yard for \$24 per ton or \$12 per ton from a current project with 30,000 tons available.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to purchase 6,000 tons of milling from Anderson Columbia for \$12 per ton. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Bailey also advised the Board that FDOT will be requesting safety projects during the month of March and that the SCRAP and SCOP projects are due in January.

SW 71ST LOOP – County Coordinator Louie Goodin stated that according to prior staff, the portion of road has never been maintained or graded by the county. Attorney Cliff Adams stated that the Board would need to get permission from both property owners to grade the portion of SW 71st Loop.

CR-143 – Mr. Bailey stated that the material left by Scruggs from the CR-143 resurfacing project can be removed and utilized by the county.

SW 79TH DRIVE – The Board discussed the removal of an Oak Tree on SW 79th Drive. Commissioner Smith stated that he will contact the landowners and proceed with the removal.

CEI INSPECTOR – Mr. Goodin shared with the Board the need to hire a CEI inspector for the upcoming FDOT paving projects. Mr. Goodin shared with the Board that the normal rate of pay is approximately \$25 per hour and that the position will require additional training. The Board agreed with the recommendation and for Mr. Goodin to proceed with filling the position in order to allow the individual to have time for the additional training.

NW 23RD BLVD - DEED ACCEPTANCE

Attorney Cliff Adams gave the Board a status report on the right-of-way acquisition of NW 23rd Blvd.

RESOLUTION – TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENTS

County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that he has discussed the vacant TDC position with Victor Patel and is waiting on his decision regarding his willingness to serve.

REVIEW OF SPECIFICS AND DETAILS OF LAND SALES IN HAMLTON COUNTY

Land Use Administrator Megan Carter presented a letter that was sent to Florida Gateway Resort regarding violations of the Land Development Rules and Regulations and also held a meeting with the owners of Florida Gateway Resort. Ms. Carter explained that the sale of lots not in compliance with the LDR's is the issue. Ms. Carter also stated that the attorney representing Florida Gateway Resort was present for the meeting telephonically. Ms. Carter stated that the owners stated that they intend to bring the property into compliance. Attorney Cliff Adams stated that judgements have been filed on two (2) of the lots in question and the Board directed staff to work with Ms. Carter to correct the issues.

DISCUSSION OF OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT

Chairman Ogburn stated that the Road Department intends to keep the Backhoe and sell the Bulldozer. The Board stated that each department should derive a list of obsolete equipment in order to hold an auction or sell through online auctions.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS – DISCUSSION

County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that Project Bark is tentively scheduling a time during December to further negotiate with the Board regarding the current incentive package offered by the county. Mr. Goodin also stated that the State Economic Development incentives have been released; however, the details have yet to be seen by other entities.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the bills (vouchers 113009 – 113186 and checks 050168 – 050261). Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin announced that the pre-agenda meetings will now be held at 9:00 a.m. on the Friday, prior to the Board meeting.
- Mr. Goodin also announced that the White Springs Christmas parade will be held on December 4th at 5:30 p.m. and Jasper's on December 12th at 6:00 p.m.
- Commissioner Burnam stated that the I-75 Billboard looks really good.
- Commissioner Brown advised the Board that he has discussed a petition from Meadow Brook subdivision with the Sheriff's Department.
- Commissioner Smith discussed with the Board the need to take a look at the EMS billing collection percentages currently being done by Inter-medix. Mr. Goodin advised the Board that staff is working on the issue.
- Commissioner Smith requested that SW71st Loop and SW 79th Blvd. be placed on the agenda for the next regular Board meeting.

- The Board discussed the recent break in at the Road Department and the need for all department heads to keep an inventory of all items. Mr. Goodin advised that he would take care of the issue.
- County Attorney John McCormick advised the Board that the float is ready and presented the Board with a copy of SB 742 and HB 517 concerning COPCN's.
- Attorney Cliff Adams announced that Arc North Florida will be having a handicap ride at the Arena on Saturday.
- Suwannee River Regional Library Director Betty Lawrence thanked the Board for the new addition at the Jennings Library.

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

RANDY OGBURN, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK