

December 15, 2015

JASPER, FLORIDA

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, December 15, 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 Randy Ogburn and led in prayer by County Attorney 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.

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 he is preparing the deed for a right of way easement and that the additional survey marking the property has been completed. Mr. Adams recommended that the Board allow Ron Ratliff to appraise the timber on the property. After a brief discussion, the Board took the following action:

- Motion by Commissioner Burnam to allow Ron Ratliff to appraise the timber for the six (6) acres with the cost not to exceed \$1,200. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT

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

Mr. Bailey stated that he would have bids for the Board to review for the tree removal on Mary Street and SW 79th Drive. Mr. Bailey also stated that the Board needs to be thinking of SCRAP and SCOP projects for submittal to FDOT.

LOVES BYPASS – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that a meeting has been scheduled with Loves and the Davis's on January 6, 2016 in order to discuss the right-of-way for the Loves bypass road. Mr. Bailey also advised the Board that he has completed the cost estimates for the engineering for the CDBG Economic Development Grant.

NW 44th STREET – Mr. Bailey advised that the recommended speed limit for the portion of NW 44th Avenue is forty-five (45) miles per hour.

- Motion by Commissioner Burnam to set the speed limit for NW 44th Ave. at 45 mph and approve the Ordinance as such. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

SW 71st LOOP – Commissioner Smith requested that the Board table this item until the next meeting due to the land owners being out of town. The Board agreed by unanimous consent.

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 presented the Board with a status report.

FLORIDA FOREST SERVICE – STEVE CARPENTER – 10 YEAR RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN ADVISORY GROUP FOR STATE FOREST – REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER

Paul Williams, with the Florida Forest Service addressed the Board and explained that on January 19th at 11:30 a.m. the advisory group for the State Forest will be having a meeting and that he would like for a Commissioner to

be on the advisory group. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Burnam stated that she would serve as a representative on the Management Plan Advisory Group.

PCS –WHITE SPRINGS – MIKE WILLIAMS – REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED CROSSING OF 120TH AVENUE WITH #5 DRAGLINE THE WEEK OF JANUARY 11-16, 2015

Mike Williams, PCS Phosphate, requested permission from the Board to cross SE 120th Ave. between the dates of January 11th and 16th. Mr. Williams assured the Board that PCS will take care of the bypass, signage and advertising as in the past.

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to allow the #5 Dragline to cross SE 120th Ave. between January 11th – 16th. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES – SUPERINTENDENT TOM MOFFSES

Superintendent of Schools Tom Moffses addressed the Board regarding the Emergency Management Services for the new Elementary School. Mr. Moffses provided information regarding the process of having the facility approved by the State Emergency Management Services and requested that the Board issue a letter of support for the facility. The Board agreed by unanimous consent to issue a letter of support for the Emergency Hurricane Preparation of the facility. Mr. Moffses also thanked the Board for the milling at North Hamilton.

DISCUSSION OF INCENTIVES FOR PROJECT BARK

County Coordinator Louie Goodin explained the purpose of the meeting as a further negotiation of the incentive package previously provided for Project Bark. Carlos Silva, representing Project Bark was present for the meeting along with Dianne Shultz. Gabriel Alves, with Project Bark, was available through Skype. Mr. Silva, Ms. Shultz, Mr. Alves and the Board discussed the incentive package. According to Project Bark the main issue is the percentage of tax abatement and the need for a Development Agreement. Commissioner Smith stated that he would be comfortable with a 75% ad-valorem grant rather than the 50% as previously offered, to which Mr. Silva stated that the company

would accept the offer. The Board and group also discussed the progress with the port and rail issues. Ms. Shultz discussed the issue with the timeline for the project, with Mr. Alves stating that the project will take approximately six (6) to nine (9) months to begin construction and approximately eighteen (18) months to complete. The group also stated that the lien for the property would have to be changed in order to allow them to satisfy their investors and lenders by allowing the county to be subordinate to the lenders that are providing the financing of the project. The Board stated that they have no issues with the letter from Project Bark requesting a change to the incentive package from November 9th. Ms. Shultz also requested an affidavit from Project Bark stating that no construction for the project has begun in order to satisfy FDOT.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to grant a 75% tax abatement grant for a period of ten (10) years and to provide cash incentive and change structure of lien as requested in the November 9th letter from Project Bark. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The Board thanked the group and stated that the agreed upon changes would be implemented in the Development Agreement.

RESOLUTION – TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENTS

County Attorney John McCormick presented the Board with a resolution for the changes to the TDC Council.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to adopt the Resolution for the TDC. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION RELATING TO PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE BILL TO REQUIRE 20% OF TOURIST DEVELOPMENT FUNDS TO STATE FOR ENTERPRISE FLORIDA

County Attorney John McCormick presented the Board with a Resolution from the TDC in opposition to the State's use of TDC funds.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the resolution in opposition to 20% of TDC funds being used for Enterprise Florida. Second was

made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION OF EMS BILLING

EMS Director Toby Witt and County Coordinator Louie Goodin discussed with the Board the collection / billing financials as presented from Intermedix and requested that the Board allow the newly implemented changes to take place before taking further action. After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed to allow the changes several months before taking any further action.

HAMILTON PRIMARY CARE INCOME STATEMENT FOR QUARTERS ENDING MARCH 31, 2015 AND JUNE 30, 2015

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to approve the Hamilton Primary Care Income Statement for the 1st and 2nd quarters of 2015. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The Board announced that Shands staff will meet with the Board at the January 19th meeting.

DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC NOTICE SIGNAGE

County Coordinator Louie Goodin stated that he has quotes for the public notice signage with an aluminum 4X4 sign costing \$175.00.

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to purchase four (4) aluminum signs at \$175.00 each with the Maintenance Department to construct the frames. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to approve the bills, (vouchers 113187 – 113553 and checks 050262 – 050379). Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

EMS CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to declare an emergency and approve the EMS Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin announced that the Pre-Agenda meeting for the January 5th meeting will be on January 4th at 9:00 a.m.
- Mr. Goodin also announced the meeting with Loves for acquisition of the right-of-way to be held on December 17th at 4:00 p.m.
- Mr. Goodin announced that the Road Department Christmas luncheon will be at 12:00 p.m. on December 17th. Board announced that they would be in attendance.
- Mr. Goodin stated that the Public Defender's office will be approaching the Board for additional funds due to having to replace their computer server.
- The Board discussed the voting districts notification from Supervisor of Elections Laura Dees and directed Mr. Goodin to discuss a couple of questions about the voting precincts being shown.
- Mr. Goodin also reminded the Board members about the Ethics class.
- Commissioner Oxendine addressed the Board and suggested that a plan be developed to allow for the rehab of the Doctor's offices.
- Commissioner Burnam questioned legal staff as to when the noise Ordinance ends due to complaints from residents. Legal staff stated that they would review the Ordinance and report back to the Board.
- Commissioner Smith discussed with the Board the recent break-in at the Road Department and the need to install a camera system.
- Commissioner Smith also requested permission to remove excess

material from NW 60th Drive, a road that is currently under Limited Maintenance Agreement. The Board agreed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the Board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

RANDY OGBURN, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK