

April 7, 2015

JASPER, FLORIDA

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, April 7, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Meeting Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Robert Brown, Randy Ogburn, Josh Smith, Beth Burnam and Buster Oxendine, a full Board being present. Also present was County Attorney John McCormick, Attorney Cliff Adams and County Coordinator Louie Goodin.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the Consent Agenda and to pull Item #1B (Minutes) and 3A for discussion only. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

PROCLAMATION – HEALTHCARE DECISIONS DAY – HAVEN HOSPICE

Chairman Smith read the proclamation from Haven Hospice for “Healthcare Decisions Day”.

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the proclamation as requested by Haven Hospice. 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 and building projects.

CR-143 – Mr. Bailey stated that the pre-construction meeting was held and that signage for the resurfacing project will begin next week.

NW-23RD BLVD – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that he met with Duke Energy and SVE regarding the large transmission line and the need to move the pole. Mr. Bailey also stated that the right-of-way maps are complete and are currently being prepared by Donald Lee.

FDOT CHANGES – Mr. Bailey discussed with the Board the current changes that will be required by FDOT for the road programs. Mr. Bailey stated that the cost estimates will now be required by the engineer in order to eliminate the continuing need for additional funding.

FRIENDSHIP CEMETERY – Chairman Smith questioned Mr. Bailey as to the width and placement of the new road for the Friendship Cemetery. Mr. Bailey stated that the road should be thirty (30) feet from the property line to the center of the road.

FIRST STREET – Commissioner Ogburn questioned Mr. Bailey about the amount spent on 1st Street; however, staff will need to review the FDOT Agreement.

BARBARA HARRIS – REQUEST PAVING OF NW 25TH LANE

Barbara Harris addressed the Board and requested that the Board pave NW 25th Lane due to the road way washing and becoming impassable. Ms. Harris explained her issues with the road and Commissioner Burnam explained the action that has been taken by the Road Department to improve the road. After a brief discussion, Chairman Smith advised Ms. Harris to allow the Road Department time to make the necessary repairs to the road and if the issues are not resolved she can come back to the Board.

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 a recommendation to approve Don Little Construction & Roofing Inc. as a certified CDBG contractor.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve Don Little Construction & Roofing Inc. as a certified contractor for the CDBG program as recommended by Mr. Nabors. Second was made Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

EMPOWERING TABERNACLE HOUSE OF PRAYER OUTREACH MINISTRY APOSTOLIC FAITH- PHILIP JACKSON – REQUEST TO EXTEND LEASE OF OLD LIBRARY BUILDING

Minister Josh Johnson addressed the Board in the place of Pastor Philip Jackson and requested that the Board consider extending the lease of the old Library building from June through the end of the year to allow their Church time to complete their building. Mr. Johnson explained the services that are being provided by their Church for the community. Margaret Lewis, representing the Historical Society, stated that their group needs to move forward with the placement of the new museum at the old Library. Nancy Cozart advised the Board that the Church used the Scout Hut for several years and that they seem to need one extension after another. The Board discussed the possibility of finding the Church another location possibly at the Annex, to which Mr. Johnson said that they would be willing to move if required to do so. Staff agreed to work with the Church to find a suitable location.

REQUEST FOR COMPENSATION DUE TO INCREASE IN WORK HOURS – TRACY D. DEAS

Chairman Smith explained the purpose of the item being placed on the agenda and read the letter that was sent to the Board by Tracy Deas requesting that she be compensated for the additional five (5) hours of work that she was required to perform when the Board changed their policy in 1999 requiring all departments to work forty (40) hours per week. The Board and staff discussed the documentation provided by Ms. Deas, issues of the past and the request from Ms. Deas. George Roberson stated that he felt that Ms. Deas deserved the compensation.

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to compensate Ms. Deas for the additional five (5) hours making her current hourly wage \$16.88 per hour. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a four (4) to one (1) vote. Voting against the motion was Commissioner Ogburn.

HAMILTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Economic Development Director Ms. Ramsey was not able to attend the meeting.

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK – STATUS REPORT

Veteran Service Officer Clay Lambert gave the Board a status report on the Veterans Memorial Park and stated that everything is still proceeding with the pavilion. Mr. Lambert stated that he currently has \$30,500 and is still working on additional revenue. Mr. Lambert also stated that he is working on a grant through Duke Energy for additional funds and power. Baynard Ward , with SVEC, was present and stated that they would be willing to donate a poll for the electrical power for the park. County Coordinator Louie Goodin thanked Mr. Lambert for his service as the Veterans Service Officer due to Mr. Lambert retiring. The Board also thanked Mr. Lambert for his service and especially his work on the Veterans Memorial Park.

NW 23RD BLVD - DEED ACCEPTANCE

Attorney Cliff Adams stated that he doesn't have any deeds for the Board and stated that he is still working on the landowners that are out of town and will be working on the new right-of-way map once he receives it.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT REGARDING SUWANNEE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Chairman Smith advised the Board that County Attorney John McCormick is still reviewing the draft agreement and has requested to be allowed to make contact with the other county attorneys' prior to the Board approving the Inter-local Agreement.

DISCUSSION OF REDISTRICTING

Attorney Cliff Adams advised the Board that he would not be able to attend the public hearing as set by the Board for April 21st and would request that the Board consider moving the date for the public hearing to May 19th. The Board agreed to move the date.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the bills (vouchers 107861 – 108217 and checks 048166 – 048281). Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

BORROW PIT EXTENSION – NATHAN GRIFFIN

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the borrow pit extension for Nathan Griffin. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM 3A – INVOICE FROM ARD, SHIRLEY & RUDOLPH, P.A.

The Board discussed the current issue regarding the PCS Phosphate reclamation and trust fund. The Board directed staff to request that Lampl Herbert no longer be used regarding the issue and to rely on Mr. Shirley for their information. Commissioner Ogburn also stated that another Commissioner needs to get involved with the PCS issues and Chairman Smith agreed to begin attending the meetings.

CONTINUATION OF COUNTY ROAD PROJECTS – FDOT LOCAL PROGRAMS SOLICITATION – PROJECTS FOR FY 2018-19

After a lengthy discussion of the roads to prioritize for the program the Board agreed to the following roads and prioritizing:

SCRAP

1. CR-148 / NW 86th Blvd with NW 86th Blvd being the top priority if the projects have to be separated.
2. CR-132 (SR-129 to Hwy. 41)
3. SE 154th Ave. (Hwy. 41 to CR-25A)

SCOP

1. SW 90th Blvd.(Hwy 41 to CR-249)
2. NW 66th Blvd. (CR152 to CR146)

CIGP

1. NW 44th Street (SR-6 to CR-143)
2. NW 40th Ave. (CR-146 to SR-6)

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Commissioner Ogburn gave the Board a brief update on the Technical Working Group meeting and stated that legal staff is reviewing the plan with the main goal being to ensure the county that sufficient assets are available at the close of the mining process by PCS Phosphate.
- Commissioner Oxendine discussed the need to have staff set up the meeting with PCS regarding the construction and repairs to the re-located roads.
- The Board agreed to pour a curb and finish the Courthouse parking lot.
- The Board discussed the Volvo Grader / Sloper and due to the unit being leased for five (5) years and there not being specific bid specs regarding the sloper, the Board agreed to keep the unit and to direct that Flagler Construction Equipment have it fixed and operational by Monday, April 13th.
- The Board directed the Clerk to post the meeting with Shands for the Rural Health Clinic on Friday, April 10th in order for any Commissioner that can to attend. Commissioner Oxendine stated that he wouldn't be able to attend and Commissioner Ogburn agreed to attend the meeting.

- George Roberson shared his concerns regarding the Rural Healthcare Clinic and its operation.
- Nancy Cozart thanked the Board for their decision to allow the Historical Museum to move forward with establishing a new museum.
- Wade Goolsby stated a concern regarding Duke Energy clearing the power line right-of-way and leaving debris on individual's property and on the county right-of-way. The Board stated that he would be provided a number to call for assistance.
- Chairman Smith discussed with the Board a letter from the City of Jasper requesting assistance with an easement for the road to Ben Cox's home. The Board agreed to allow the request.
- Chairman Smith stated that Anderson Columbia has agreed to sell the County milling at \$18 per ton with them loading our trucks. The Board took no action.
- Chairman Smith also stated that Joe Anderson, with Anderson Columbia, would like to be placed on the agenda for the April 21st meeting to discuss the placement of the Ten Commandments at the Courthouse.
- George Roberson discussed with the Board the article about the Hamilton County health and stated that it is disturbing and needs the communities support.

There being no further business before the Board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:26 p.m.

JOSH SMITH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK