

April 21, 2015

JASPER, FLORIDA

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, April 21, 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, Beth Burnam and Buster Oxendine, a full Board being present. Also present was County Coordinator Louie Goodin and County Attorney John McCormick. Attorney Cliff Adams was absent due to being out of town.

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

Mark Lander, with the Health Department, provided the Board with the 2015 County Health Rankings Summary report for the Board to review. Mr. Lander stated that he would discuss the report with the Board at the May 5th meeting in order to discuss the Board's input and if members of the Board would like to discuss the report with him on an individual basis he would be available to do so. Chairman Smith recommended that the report be placed on the county website in order to provide the information to the constituents of the county. Mr. Lander stated that he would provide County Coordinator Louie Goodin with the proper link. Mr. Lander also provided the Board with a six (6) month County Contract Service report for review.

ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT

Engineer Greg Bailey was not present for the meeting; therefore Chairman Smith gave the Board a status report on the current road and building projects.

1st STREET, 96TH PLACE, JOHNS STREET – Mr. Bailey stated the FDOT will be doing amendments due a discrepancy in the amounts for the projects.

16TH AVE – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the engineering work has started and the Board discussed with Mr. Bailey the elevation of the creek and the need to increase the elevation due to continuous flooding. Mr. Bailey agreed to review the issue and stated that any additional funds could be used to increase the elevation.

PUBLIC HEARING (2nd) – PETITION NO. SE 15-02 - REQUESTING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 4.5.5 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TO ALLOW FOR A LIVESTOCK AUCTION ARENA IN AN AGRICULTURE – 4 (A-4) ZONING DISTRICT.

Chairman Smith recessed the regular Board meeting and called the Public Hearing to order at 6:25 p.m.

Land Use Administrator Megan Carter explained the action before the Board as a request for a special exception to allow for a Livestock Auction Arena in an AG-4 zoning district. Ms. Carter advised the Board that the Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval based on the condition that the applicant comply with ADA, USDA and the State of Florida Dept. of Agriculture.

There being no further questions from the Board or public, Chairman Smith closed the Public Hearing and reopened the Board meeting at 6:26 p.m.

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to approve SE 15-02 (Livestock Auction Arena) based on the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Board. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

County Coordinator Louie Goodin, in the absence of Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors, presented the Board with a status report on the Ship program.

VOVO MOTORGRADER / SLOPER

County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that the Volvo grader is currently down due to a belly blade issue for the second time this week. Mark Hill and Jesse Roberts, with Flagler Construction Equipment, were present for the discussion and stated that the issue is a factory defect and will be repaired. Mr. Hill advised that the drawings on how to cut and repair the grader have been sent to Volvo. Mr. Roberts stated that the grader was drilled at an angle and that the whole assembly will need to be replaced. The Board questioned the issues with the grader and requested that the part be replaced rather than re-bored. Mr. Roberts stated that the repair would be under factory warranty and would take approximately two (2) days to repair. Chairman Smith stated that he has no confidence in the Volvo Grader and its ability to even last five (5) years. Commissioner Oxendine stated that he felt that they should give the company an opportunity to make the repair and that at the end of the five (5) year lease that if the Board isn't happy with the machine, the Board could chose to purchase another grader and not buy another Volvo Grader. Commissioner Ogburn stated that his question was answered and that it appears that there are no parts available due to the newness of the machine. Mr. Hill stated that they were doing all they could do to repair the grader and that their goal at Flagler is to provide quality equipment and services.

JOE ANDERSON – TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR HAMILTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Skipper Jones provided the Board with a draft copy of the guidelines to allow monuments to be placed on public property by a private citizen. After a brief discussion the Board agreed for the item to be further discussed at the next regular Board meeting.

CONTINUATION OF COUNTY ROAD PROJECTS

CR-143 – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that Scruggs will begin the resurfacing project on April 22nd. Chairman Smith questioned Mr. Bailey regarding the need for additional protection for the shoulders of the road where Coggin's farm trucks are entering and exiting the roadway. Mr. Bailey assured the Board that there will be four foot slope that will take care of the problem.

PCS PHOSPHATE RE-LOCATION ROADS – Mr. Bailey discussed the issues with the Board regarding the construction of the PCS re-located

roads. Mr. Bailey provided the Board with the minimum requirements for dirt roads per the LDR's in Hamilton County and suggested that PCS provide the county with documentation that they will and have been following the approved standards.

FDOT PROJECTS – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that Mr. Goodin provided FDOT with the cost estimates for the future roads as to eliminate there being a shortage of funds for the projects.

OAK WOODLANDS – Mr. Bailey stated that he was contacted by the Oak Woodlands property owners association and will be meeting with them in order to explain the minimum standards and what work will need to be done.

NW 48TH STREET – Chairman Smith requested that the Board allow Mr. Bailey to provide an estimate on a speed limit for NW 48th Street. The Board agreed by unanimous consent.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the Consent Agenda and to pull Item #9A (Ard, Shirley Invoice) to allow Mr. Goodin to receive an explanation of the bill. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

NW 23RD BLVD - DEED ACCEPTANCE

Attorney Cliff Adams was absent; however, staff stated that the new right-of-way surveys are in the final stages.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT REGARDING SUWANNEE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

County Attorney John McCormick stated that he is still working on the agreement and would like to keep it on the agenda.

2008 COUNTY HELD TAX CERTIFICATES

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to apply for a tax deed on the certificates that are in excess of \$5,000. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

LOCAL OPTION FUEL TAX AND DISTRIBUTION

County Attorney John McCormick reviewed the matter with the Board and explained the current percentages for the county and municipalities. The Board agreed by unanimous consent to leave the fuel tax distribution as it currently is and have Mr. McCormick to reply to the Department of Revenue.

RESOLUTION – SUPPORT OF FOR SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY AND THE FLORIDA SOLAR FINANCING ACTION PLAN: A MENU OF OPTIONS

This matter was continued until the next regular Board meeting to allow time for legal staff to review the documentation.

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT – GRANT REQUEST

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to declare an emergency and to approve the grant request from the TDC for the Hamilton County Riding Club in the amount of \$2,500 for the 43rd Annual Rodeo. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to approve the bills (vouchers 108218 – 108448 and checks 048282 – 048387). Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION – TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to declare an emergency and to add Cathy Averitt to the TDC as a representative of the City of Jasper. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin announced the retirement luncheon for Veteran Service Officer Clay Lambert and also that the new Veteran

Service Officer will be Bo Beaucheman.

- The Board agreed to honor the request to waive the auditorium rental fee for Central Hamilton Elementary.
- Mr. Goodin also notified the Board that his administrative assistant Sandy Hurst will be retiring on May 26, 2015.
- Commissioner Oxendine discussed the staff meeting with Shands regarding the Hamilton Primary Care Clinic.
- County Attorney John McCormick discussed an offer from Wells Fargo regarding property located in Jennings that is valued at \$735.00. The Board declined the offer and suggested that the offer be made to the Town of Jennings.
- Mr. McCormick presented the Board with information pertaining to reclamation issues at PCS Phosphate and requested that the Board provide feedback regarding the issue.
- Chairman Smith advised the Board that he read an article regarding a TDC grant for \$100,000 however, there have been no applicants as of yet.
- The Board discussed the Antioch Cemetery and road issue with Mr. Goodin advising the Board that attorney Cliff Adams needs direction from the Board in order to pursue the legal issue. Chairman Smith advised the Board that according to Mr. Coggins that they intend to plant the road and continue to walk the pivot across the road. The Board finally suggested that Mr. Adams should contact the owners of the property and invite them to be present at the next Board meeting to resolve the issue. Commissioner Burnam discussed with the Board the issues surrounding the large farmers in the county and their destruction of the county roads.
- Chairman Smith also stated that Nathaniel Combass will be presenting a petition to close a road near his residence in the near future.

There being no further business before the Board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

JOSH SMITH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK