

December 16, 2014

JASPER, FLORIDA

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, December 16, 2014, 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 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.

PROCLAMATION AND PLAQUE PRESENTATION TO HAMILTON COUNTY HIGH FOOTBALL TEAM

The Board presented the Hamilton County High School football team with a plaque and a proclamation for their successful season and for being the Class 1A State Runner-up.

ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT

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

CR-135 – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the Hunter Creek Bridge construction is complete and that Anderson Columbia is in the process of constructing the bridge approaches, laying sod and will have the final stripping for the road completed by December 29th. Mr. Bailey then stated that he has received the quote from Anderson Columbia in the amount of \$18,597.43 for the painting of the existing beams and bridge supports. After a lengthy discussion of the quote, work required and available grant funds, the Board took the following action:

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to allow Engineer Greg Bailey to proceed with allowing Anderson Columbia to paint the existing bridge beams and supports for the quote amount of \$18,597.43. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CR-143 – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that FDOT has approve the plans and that he is prepared to let bids and have them returned on January 27, 2015. The Board agreed by unanimous consent to allow Mr. Bailey to let bids for the CR-143 resurfacing project.

GIBSON PARK RENOVATIONS – Mr. Bailey gave the Board a status report on the renovations at Gibson Park. Mr. Bailey stated that all of the ramp work has been completed and that the contractor is currently working on the parking area.

SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors presented the Board with a status report on the Ship program. Mr. Nabors advised the Board that the 2013 CDBG grant contract has been received from DEO. Mr. Nabors then stated that the contract has been signed and returned to DEO. Mr. Nabors also provided the Board with a list of items and policy changes that will need to be addressed by the Board. Mr. Nabors then provided the Board with a list of projects to be approved by the Board and already approved by the CATF: Raymond Ferber (New Construction), Lilla Korman (New Construction) and Angela Jackson (New Construction).

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the three (3) previous applicants for new construction as recommended by Mr. Nabors. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Jim and Eleanor Miller addressed the Board and complimented the Road Department for the milling of a portion of NW 27th Blvd. The Miller's also thanked the Board and Commissioner Burnam for the roadwork and suggested that the County continue to mill roads in the county.

SABEL TRAIL PIPELINE – CHRIS MERICLE

Chris Mericle addressed the Board and gave a status report on the Sabel Trail Pipeline. Mr. Mericle stated that Sabel Trail's has filed for a permit from the State and requested that the Board file as an intervener. Mr. Mericle stated that the deadline to file will be December 24th. After a brief discussion, the Board took the following action:

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to declare an emergency and file as an intervener for the Sabel Trail Pipeline and to contact Senator Montfort and Representative Porter regarding the action taken by the Board. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Motion by Commissioner Burnam to approve the Consent Agenda and to pull Item 8A (ITC invoice). Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA – ITEM 8A (ITC INVOICE)

The Board stated concerns about approving the invoice presented by ITC due to not having received an executed contract with DEO for the 2013 CDBG grant.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve consent agenda item 8A (ITC Invoice) contingent upon the Board receiving an executed contract for the 2013 CDBG Grant from DEO. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

NW 23RD BLVD DEED ACCEPTANCE

Attorney Cliff Adams gave the Board an update on the right-of-way acquisition for NW 23rd Blvd. and advised that there are three (3) deeds to be approved by the Board. Chairman Smith read the three (3) deed descriptions.

- Motion by Commissioner Burnam to approve and accept the deeds for the NW 23rd Blvd. right-of-way as recommended by Attorney Cliff Adams. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with

a unanimous vote.

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK – STATUS REPORT

Veterans Service Officer Clay Lambert was present and provided the Board with a status report of the progress of the Veterans Memorial Park. Mr. Lambert presented the Board with the bid results for the Pavilion:

1. Clyde's Welding - \$101,394.00
2. Rep Services, Inc. - \$86,998.40
3. Lil Tindy's Playgrounds - \$79,993.48

Mr. Lambert then advised the Board that only Clyde's Welding adhered to the bid specifications and was also recommended for approval by the Veterans Memorial Park Committee. Mr. Lambert explained the fact that the other two (2) bids didn't include the engineered drawings for the slab work. Clyde McGhin, owner of Clyde's Welding, was present and explained the differences in the quality of building, the construction plans and the Board discussed the finishes and whether to brick around the bottom of the pavilion. After a lengthy discussion, the Board took the following action:

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to award the bid for the Veterans Memorial Park Pavilion to Clyde's Welding and utilize the quote from Ed Dennard Masonry, Inc. for the additional brick and masonry work based on Clyde's Welding providing the only complete bid according to the bid specs, advice from legal counsel and based on the recommendation from the Veterans Memorial Park Committee. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.
- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to allow the Veterans Memorial Park to proceed and complete the Pavilion project and to continue to pursue the committed funds. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

PROJECT BARK – DISCUSSION

County Coordinator Louie Goodin gave the Board an update on Project Bark. Mr. Goodin advised that the 2nd draft of the Economic Development Agreement is being reviewed by Project Bark. County Attorney John

McCormick presented the Board with the deed for the property and will forward it to PCS Phosphate. The Board stated that the EDA needs to be re-structured and stated concerns regarding how the document is worded. Attorney Cliff Adams assured the Board that the EDA wasn't sent as an offer but just as a document for information purposes. The Board agreed to wait on a response from Project Bark before meeting to re-structure the agreement. George L. Roberson complimented the Board for their review of the EDA. Jim Smith requested an electronic copy of the 2nd draft of the EDA.

OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT – BID AWARD

Chairman Smith explained the bid proposal received from Madison Metals Co. as \$8.00 per 100 lbs. or \$3,000 for the lot.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to award the bid for the obsolete equipment to Madison Metals using (\$8 per 100 lbs.) and to have the equipment weighed using the Landfill scales. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

SUWANNEE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY – FINANCIAL REQUEST

Commissioner Brown and Commissioner Burnam explained the request being made of the county to fund the SVTA an additional \$14,400 which will keep their organization solvent through March 2015. Both Commissioners explained the financial problems and potential solutions being proposed by SVTA.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the additional funds for Suwannee Valley Transit Authority in the amount of \$14,400 contingent upon the Columbia County Board of County Commissioners approval of their request for funds. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a four (4) to one (1) vote. Voting against the motion was Chairman Smith.

JENNINGS BLUFF PROPERTY

County Attorney John McCormick presented the Board with a deed and map of the Jennings Bluff property being acquired showing the present easements. After a brief discussion of the map, the Board directed Mr.

McCormick to forward the deed to SRWMD for their approval.

DISCUSSION OF RECYCLING

County Coordinator Louie Goodin presented the Board with man hours for the Landfill and hours for an employee to utilize the pick-up of the cardboard. Mr. Goodin advised the Board that Landfill Director Dale Jackson stated that it would require two (2) days a week to provide the service. Chairman Smith stated that most commercial and larger businesses have already made arrangements with other vendors. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed by unanimous consent to leave the operation at the Landfill as it is currently. Commissioner Oxendine questioned staff as to the previously approved change by the Board for containers where the price was changed to a cubic yard rather than by the ton. After a lengthy discussion, the Board stated that they would review the minutes and further discuss the issue at the next Board meeting.

DISCUSSION OF REDISTRICTING

County Attorney John McCormick presented the Board with a revised copy of the changes for the redistricting from Dr. Pennock showing the percentages and population for each of the five (5) districts. Attorney Cliff Adams stated that the current district layout would meet all legal issues. The Board stated that they agreed that the lines appear to be fair and that they would ride the lines before taking further action.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to approve the bills (vouchers 105922 – 106325 and checks 047476 – 047584). Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

REINSTATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER BURNAM TO NCFRPC BOARD

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to re-instate Commissioner Burnam as the Board's NCFRPC representative. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board of the timeline for the Ethics Training that must be completed by December 31st.
- Mr. Goodin announced that the Road Department Christmas Luncheon will be at the Extension Office on Thursday, December 18th at 12:00 p.m.
- Mr. Goodin provided the Board with the quotes for the Old Library Roof which is as follows: Ellickson - \$3,318, Gulf Coast - \$3,463 and Jasper Hardware - \$3,395. The Board agreed by unanimous consent to allow for the materials to be purchased from Jasper Hardware and for the Maintenance staff to rent a Genie Lift for the project.
- Commissioner Oxendine questioned staff and Engineer Greg Bailey about the construction of a Kiosk for the CR-150 Alapaha River Boat Ramp. Mr. Bailey advised that he has a set of plans for the Board to review and make a decision on what type of Kiosk to construct.
- County Attorney John McCormick presented the Board with a deed for the Heritage Village property to be forwarded to Billy Green and Joyce Miller for their comments. Mr. McCormick also advised the Board that the upcoming Enterprise Zoning Board meeting will be shortly and that they will be considering the revised maps of the newly proposed Enterprise Zone for the County. Mr. McCormick stated that the approval of the new proposed zone will then come to the Board of County Commissioners for approval also.
- Commissioner Ogburn discussed the need for the Board to meet with the Development Authority in order to discuss several economic development projects and the need for assistance. The Board as a whole agreed that the issues between the two boards need to be worked out and work together on these projects. The Board directed staff to place the Board of County Commissioners on the Development Authority's next agenda in order to discuss the issues.
- Commissioner Ogburn also advised the Board in regards to the letter

from Harvey Ruvin, to which the Board took no action.

- Clerk of Court Greg Godwin announced that the Courthouse Christmas luncheon will be held on Friday, December 19th at 12:00 p.m. Mr. Godwin and the Board congratulated County Attorney John McCormick on winning 1st place in the Jasper Christmas parade for the county float.
- Chairman Smith discussed with the Board the need to add a shop helper or another mechanic at the Road Department. The Board discussed the issue as well as other issues that are going on at the Road Department.
- Chairman Smith advised the Board that the lights have been installed at the new batting cage; special plastic tubes placed on the bulbs at the pavilion for protection and also requested that the Board agree to have a block wall placed on the Senior League field. The Board agreed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the Board, the Vice-Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

JOSH SMITH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK