

January 6, 2015

JASPER, FLORIDA

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 6, 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 Oxendine to approve the Consent Agenda and to pull Item 9 (Board Holiday Schedule). Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, 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-135 – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the Hunter Creek Bridge construction is complete and that Anderson Columbia is still in the process of paving the bridge approaches and has promised to have the road completed and re-opened after Saturday, January 10th. Commissioner Ogburn advised Mr. Bailey that if the paving is not completed as promised that he would like to meet with Anderson Columbia regarding the issue. Mr. Bailey also stated that the painting of the beams will take place the following week.

GIBSON PARK RENOVATIONS – Mr. Bailey gave the Board a status report on the renovations at Gibson Park. Mr. Bailey stated that the contractor is currently working on the parking lot and retention area.

JENNINGS LIBRARY ADDITION – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the pre-bid meeting will be held today.

CR-143 – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the CR-143 paving project bids have been let.

Mr. Bailey advised the Board of additional FDOT funds that can be used to fund bike trails and other public projects. Commissioner Ogburn stated that he attended the FDOT workshop and that FDOT has plans to assist with landscaping for the I-75 Jennings exit. The Board also discussed several complaints about the entrance to Pilot causing traffic problems on SR-6.

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 he will be performing the homeowners review on Friday and that at the January 20th meeting he will present a list of qualified applicants and contractors. Mr. Nabors stated that he is still waiting on a signed contract from DEO for the 2013 CDBG grant. The Board also discussed the need to replace Isadore Udell as the district 4 CATF member due to his recent death and will recognize his achievements at the next Board meeting. The Board also stated that the policy placing a timeline on the applications will be made in order to allow the funds to be utilized by other qualified applicants.

DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – MEGAN CARTER – NORTH FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Land Use Administrator Megan Carter advised the Board that a request for a variance has been received and that she needs clarification as to whether the Board would like to continue to be the Board of Adjustment or allow the Planning and Zoning Board to take on that administrative duty. County Attorney John McCormick presented the Board with section 3.1 of the Land Development Regulations and explained how the LDR's portray the administrative function of the Board and the Planning and Zoning Board. After a lengthy discussion regarding the issue, the Board directed Mr. McCormick to

draft a new resolution that will establish the Board of County Commissioners as the Board of Adjustment.

HAMILTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

There was no one present from the Development Authority. The Board agreed to be placed on the Development Authority's agenda for the February 12th meeting in order to discuss the issues between the two (2) boards and work together on economic development issues.

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 thanked the Board for their continued support of the Veterans Memorial Park and for providing the necessary funding for the Pavilion. Mr. Lambert advised the Board that the students are again working on the landscaping of the park. Chairman Smith recognized PCS Phosphate and Mike Williams for their \$15,000 donation towards the park and their other donations to the park as well. Mr. Lambert also thanked PCS for their support.

Mr. Williams also stated that the rescheduling of the Technical Working Group meeting fits the schedule of PCS and that January 29th would be fine.

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 currently no deeds to be considered by the Board.

JENNINGS BLUFF PROPERTY

County Attorney John McCormick advised the Board that the SRWMD is requesting that the property description for the Jennings Bluff property be separated on the deed as exhibit "A". Mr. McCormick stated that he would prepare the description as requested and that they also want written minutes of the defined easements. County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that the district is also requesting that the easement to the property be cleared by the county. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to clear the easement by clearing around the large trees and to cooperate with the district regarding the

request.

DISCUSSION OF EOC TRAINING CENTER

County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that the School Board has agreed to release the property for the EOC Training Center upon receiving a legal description of the property being used for the training center. The Board agreed to allow Nathaniel Combass to do a survey of the property in order to be able to provide a legal description. The Board agreed to allow staff to expedite the process in order to allow the Volunteer Fire Fighters to complete their training.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner Burnam to approve the bills (vouchers 106326 – 106480 and checks 047585 – 047680). Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION AND CLARIFICATION OF LANDFILL TIPPING FEES

The Board discussed the current Landfill tipping fees with Landfill director Dale Jackson and clarified their intentions when the tipping fees were changed back in September regarding the roll-off containers and dump trailers.

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to clarify the tipping fees for a roll off trailer and personal dump trailers as \$6.00 per cubic yard or \$25.00 per ton whichever is the lessor. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The Board questioned Mr. Jackson as to the operation of the leachate and storm-water pumps at the Landfill. The Board agreed to allow Mr. Jackson to change the unloading of the leachate tank for safety reasons and for Mr. Jackson to have the storm-water pump repaired or rent one in order to get the water situation under control.

CONSENT AGENDA – ITEM 9 (BOARD HOLIDAY SCHEDULE)

The Board discussed with Landfill director Dale Jackson regarding allowing the Landfill to be closed on the Saturdays following Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's. Commissioner Oxendine explained to Mr. Jackson that this was a one-time offer due to the dates that the holidays fall on.

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to approve Consent Agenda Item #9 (Board Holiday Schedule) and to allow the Landfill to be closed on the Saturdays following Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, 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 Dianne Sholtz has advised that the current issues with Project Bark are negotiating with Norfolk Southern (rail rates) and utility rates. Economic Development Director Susan Ramsey was present for the discussion and also Baynard Ward, with SVEC. Mr. Ward advised the Board that they have been in contact with the owners of Project Bark; however, they are waiting on their response. Mr. Ward also suggested a sit down meeting with the company to discuss the project and their needs. Commissioner Ogburn questioned Mr. Ward as to whether SVEC is as competitive with their electric rates as Duke Energy, to which Mr. Ward assured the Board that they are and explained how their electricity is generated and or purchased. Mr. Goodin assured the Board that the discussion with the company is ongoing. Nearby resident Steve Suty was present for the meeting and questioned the Board about the area being a rural agricultural area and stated that was concerned about the traffic in the area. The Board explained why the site was chosen for Project Bark and stated that if Project Bark becomes a reality that they will occupy the property. Commissioner Ogburn also clarified the statement previously made by Mr. Suty in regards to trying to make contact with him. Commissioner Ogburn stated that he made several attempts to contact Mr. Suty and left him a voicemail regarding the issue.

DISCUSSION OF REDISTRICTING

The Board stated that after riding the new district lines that they are comfortable with the lines. The Board directed staff to discuss the timeline for public hearings with Dr. Pennock and request a recommendation as to how to proceed. Legal staff also stated that the information has been forwarded to the School Board for review.

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE & NECESSITY – EMS

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

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised with the Board that he has a quote for the Kiosks to be placed at the boat ramps in the county. Mr. Goodin stated that he was going to hold the quote until the proper procurement can be done.
- Mr. Goodin discussed with the Board the I-75 / SR-6 Water Plant issues and advised that the high service pumps are reaching their life expectancy as well as the filters. Mr. Goodin stated that each pump would cost approximately \$6,937 each. After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed to allow a Tonka representative to do an on-site review of the operation of the plant and for Mr. Goodin to get quotes and proceed with making the necessary repairs. The Board also discussed the shelters that have been ordered since October for the plant, to which the Board stated that if the shelters are not available by now to purchase them somewhere else if necessary.
- Commissioner Burnam advised the Board of the article in Trend magazine about PCS Phosphate.
- Chairman Smith read letters from the Honorable Judge Scaff thanking Josh Waters, as Fire Chief of the City of Jasper, and Chris Hughes with the Sheriff's Department for their quick response to a recent fire at his home.

- Chairman Smith presented the Board with an aerial photo of an water issue at the junction of NW 75th Lane and CR-146. Chairman Smith explained the issue and Commissioner Oxendine stated that he felt that the property owner should have some responsibility due to building up the property. Chairman Smith stated that he is concerned that the issue will only get worse.
- Chairman Smith also presented the Board with an aerial photo of the Friendship Cemetery property and advised that due to a recent land transaction the Cemetery committee has requested to re-locate the south portion of the road to the new property line. The Board agreed by unanimous consent for the road to be re-located.
- George L. Roberson discussed with the Board the issue of constructing a new Board room at the Annex due to the room needing to be larger. Chairman Smith stated that Mr. Goodin is already putting together a cost estimate for a new Board room. Mr. Roberson also discussed his concern with the owners of the golf course property having four wheelers and other ATV's on their property and future plans for an ATV course. After a brief discussion, the Board advised Mr. Roberson that currently there are no Land Use violations occurring and that under the current rules most recreational activities are allowed.

There being no further business before the Board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

ATTEST:

JOSH SMITH, CHAIRMAN

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK