

July 15, 2014

JASPER, FLORIDA

**REGULAR SESSION**

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, July 15, 2014, at :00 a.m. in the Board Meeting Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Robert Brown, Randy Ogburn, Beth Burnam, Buster Oxendine and Josh Smith, a full Board being present. Also present was County Attorney John McCormick 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**

Mike Williams, with PCS Phosphate, presented the Board with a check in the amount of \$15,000.00 for the Veteran's Memorial Park. The Board thanked Mr. Williams for their support.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the Consent Agenda. 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-135** – Mr. Bailey advised that the construction is underway for the Hunter Creek Bridge and also stated that the deck on the bridge was in better shape than expected. Commissioner Ogburn discussed with the Board the need to have the steel beams painted while the contractor is working on the bridge; the Board agreed and requested that Mr. Bailey discuss the issue with the contractor.

**COURTHOUSE PARKING LOT** – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the construction layout for the Courthouse Parking Lot encompasses the entire property and would not allow for the reed buffer to be left in place as previously suggested by the Board. After a brief conversation, the Board agreed to allow Mr. Bailey to remove two (2) of the parking spaces in order to keep the reed buffer.

**ADDITIONAL MILLING MATERIAL** – Commissioner Oxendine requested that the Board allow Mr. Bailey to contact FDOT in order to see who the contractor will be on the resurfacing of HWY 41 and see if it would be possible to purchase additional milling. The

Board agreed by unanimous consent.

**NW 27<sup>TH</sup> Blvd.** – Commissioner Burnam requested that the Board allow the Road Department to mill a portion of NW 27<sup>th</sup> Blvd. due to the continuation of maintenance issues.

- Motion by Commissioner Burnam to mill NW 27<sup>th</sup> Blvd. approximately 3,200 ft or just past the last residence on the left of the road. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

### **SHIP PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT**

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors gave the Board a status report on the Ship Program. Mr. Nabors presented the Board with the final CDBG scores which showed that Hamilton County ranked 10<sup>th</sup> and that only the first six (6) were funded. Mr. Nabors also stated that the Community Needs scores will be reset and that Hamilton County should be at the top of the funding list for the next grant cycle. Mr. Nabors then presented the Board with four (4) Ship applications for approval, New Construction – James Wilkerson and Sophia Spaulding and Rehabilitation – Mary Moody and Sarah Merritt.

- Motion by Commissioner Burnam to approve the four (4) Ship applications as previously discussed and recommended by Mr. Nabors. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

County Attorney John McCormick presented the Board with a satisfaction relating to a previously filed Foreclosure case.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the Satisfaction and release the purchase assistance DPL. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING AND TECHNOLOGY – PRESENTATION**

Pamela McElroy, with Environmental Consulting and Technology, was present in order to answer any questions or concerns that the Board or staff may have. County Attorney John McCormick advised the Board that the program is designed to assist with environmental clean-up. Ms. McElroy advised the Board that FDEP has approximately \$180,000 left in the Performance based clean-up program. Ms. McElroy also questioned the Board as to whether Mr. Sheffield filed a claim for the environmental issues with his insurance carrier. Ms. McElroy then discussed with the Board the Site Specific grants that are in the range of \$300,000 that are also available. Ms. McElroy then stated that she will be in Tallahassee on Thursday for a meeting and will find out what programs and sources of funding would be available.

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to allow staff to proceed with the application by Environmental Consulting and Technology based on the recommendation of legal staff. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a

unanimous vote.

### **ROAD DEPARTMENT WAGE RECOMMENDATION**

County Coordinator Louie Goodin presented the Board with a revised copy of the Road Department Wage Program and labor costs for the Board to review. After a lengthy discussion the Board stated that they would further discuss the issue with Road Superintendent James Bell during the Budget Workshop on Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The Board also discussed the need to include the employees from the Landfill.

### **NW 23<sup>RD</sup> BLVD DEED ACCEPTANCE**

Clerk of Court Greg Godwin presented the Board with an invoice from Steve Curry for the work being performed on NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Blvd. in the amount of \$1,850.00.

- Motion by Commissioner Burnam to approve the invoice for Steve Curry in the amount of \$1,850.00. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

### **APPROVE BILLS**

- Motion by Commissioner Burnam to approve the bills (vouchers 103102 – 103436 and checks 046197 – 046313), Commissioner Oxendine also stated that there were bills from his employer Norfolk Southern; however, he works in a completely different department. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

### **PRIMARY CARE HEALTH CLINIC HOURS – DISCUSSION**

County Coordinator Louie Goodin presented the Board with a request from Shands for the Board to reconsider the hours of operation for the Primary Health Clinic. Commissioner Oxendine stated that he has discussed the issue with another clinic and has local individuals interested in coming to work in the clinic.

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to declare an emergency and adjust the hours for the Primary Health Clinic to 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday and 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote. Commissioner Ogburn abstained from the vote due to his nephew working for the clinic.

### **CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that the SRWMD is waiting on a decision regarding the Jennings Bluff property. The Board stated that they would

make a decision at the next regular Board meeting. The Board also requested that staff contact Dennis Price in order to be able to discuss the plans that he was once involved in for the property.

- Commissioner Burnam advised the Board that she would not be present for the August 5<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.
- County Attorney John McCormick provided the Board with a Resolution regarding storm related emergency road issues that would extend the current Declaration of Emergency for seven (7) days. After stating that there doesn't appear to be any issues the Board agreed to take no action regarding the Resolution.
- Mr. McCormick presented the Board with a letter from Attorney Robert Nabors regarding the legality of the county using county funds as an economic development incentive. According to Mr. Nabors, the Board would be able to provide the funding based on section 125.045 of the Florida Statutes.
- The Board agreed to hold the first Budget Workshop on Monday, July 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
- Chairman Smith announced that Sabel Trails would be having a meeting on August 5<sup>th</sup> on site to further discuss their plans for installation of a natural gas pipeline. George Roberson was critical of the Board about no action being taken regarding the Sabel Trail Pipeline. Chairman Smith advised Mr. Roberson that the Board has attended the meetings and been in contact with the representatives from Sabel Trails.

There being no further business before the Board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

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JOSH SMITH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK