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JASPER, FLORIDA

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, June 17, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Robert Brown, Randy Ogburn, Beth Burnam and Buster Oxendine, Commissioner Smith was absent due to work related training. Also present was County Attorney John McCormick, County Coordinator Louie Goodin and Attorney Cliff Adams.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Buster Oxendine and led in prayer by John McCormick with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Vice-Chairman Oxendine.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

George Roberson apologized to Vice-Chairman Oxendine for calling him "Buddy" at a previous meeting. Mr. Roberson also discussed with the Board the need for a larger Board room in order to accommodate more people and be more professional. The Board directed staff to take a look at the options available and report back to the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the Consent Agenda. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, 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 contractor is waiting on the pilings to be delivered in order to begin the construction on Hunter Creek Bridge. According to Mr. Williams with Anderson Columbia, the construction will begin on Monday, June 23rd. The Board discussed the (8) weeks for the construction of the Hunter Creek Bridge and stated for Mr. Bailey to advise Anderson Columbia that the time frame should be more than adequate and if the project isn't complete they will seek punitive damages and penalties.

COURTHOUSE PARKING LOT – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that he received the following quotes for the layout of the Courthouse Parking Lot:

1. Donald Lee & Associates - \$1,800
2. Robert S. Folsom - \$1,750

3. J. Sherman Frier - \$650

Mr. Bailey advised the Board that all of the quotes are licensed and capable of performing the work.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to allow J. Sherman Frier to layout the Courthouse Parking Lot in the amount of \$650. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

LOVES BYPASS ROAD – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that he is coordinating a meeting with Duke Energy for the project and also waiting on the quotes for the survey work.

GIBSON PARK BOAT RAMP – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that he will contact the contractor and begin construction on the Gibson Park Boat Ramp due to the level of the Suwannee River.

SHIP PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

Vice-Chairman Oxendine announced that he spoke with Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors and that there is currently nothing to report.

DISCUSSION OF HERITAGE VILLAGE OWNERSHIP

Attorney Cliff Adams gave the Board a report on the request from Joyce Miller for the Board of County Commissioners to take over ownership of Heritage Village. Mr. Adams stated that there was an unsatisfied mortgage, however, it was something that has nothing to do with Heritage Village and that the grant funds that were received years ago has expired and well past the ten (10) years. Both Mr. Adams and Mr. McCormick advised the Board to have an environmental survey done for the property. The Board authorized legal staff to proceed with the environmental survey with an expenditure cap of \$1,000. Mr. McCormick also advised the Board that the H. M. Tuten estate is in the process of being settled and that their property is adjacent to the Heritage Village Property and that the family has stated in past conversations that they would be willing to donate the property (approximately ½ an acre) to the county. The Board agreed to accept the property if the Heritage Village property can be obtained.

2013 FY AUDIT PRESENTATION – COUNTY AUDITOR KEN DANIELS, JR.

County Auditor Ken Daniels presented the Board with the 2012-2013 audit.

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to accept the 2012-2013 audit as presented by Mr. Daniels. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

ROAD DEPARTMENT WAGE RECOMMENDATION

County Coordinator Louie Goodin requested that the Board continue this item to allow him additional time to continue to put together the Road Department Wage Program. The Board agreed to continue the item and stated that they would like to have this in place as soon as possible or at least by October 1st the beginning of the new fiscal year.

WATER/WASTE WATER SYSTEM OPERATOR

County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that he has discussed with current interim operator Gordy Bass his timeline for being the operator. Mr. Bass has agreed to stay on until the Board either hires a contract individual or allows a county employee to operate the plant. Commissioner Burnam reminded the Board of her discussion with City of Jasper's City Manager Charles Williams about the possibility of running water and from Jasper to the SR-6 / I-75 Interchange. After a brief discussion the Board authorized Mr. Goodin to discuss the issue with Mr. Williams and to also have Mr. Bass check the Genoa infrastructure to ensure that the Town of White Springs is keeping the system operational.

STORM WATER DRAINAGE EASEMENTS – NW 108TH AVENUE AND RELATING TO MEADOW BROOK WOODS SUBDIVISION

County Attorney John McCormick presented the Board with a Storm Water Control and Maintenance Agreement with Ralph Anderson.

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to accept the Storm Water Control and Maintenance Agreement between the Board and Ralph Anderson and to direct the Clerk to record the agreement. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. McCormick advised the Board that the paperwork for the easement from the Carter's regarding the debris placed in a creek bed during the timber harvest has yet to be returned and the Chairman Smith and he have made several attempts to reach Mr. Carter unsuccessful. The issue is causing problems in the Meadow Brook Woods Subdivision and will be resolved upon the permission from the Carter's to remove the debris.

NW 23RD BLVD DEED ACCEPTANCE

Attorney Cliff Adams presented the Board with a deed from Harrell Reid for the donation of his property and a corrective deed for Santa Deas. Mr. Adams also stated that Mr. Curry has started working on the heir property. Mr. Adams also reminded the Board that the right-of-way acquisition for NW 23rd Blvd. will be expensive and time consuming. The Board thanked Mr. Adams and Mr. McCormick for their work and time.

- Motion by Commissioner Burnam to accept the deed from Harrell Reid and the corrective deed from Santa Deas for the NW 23rd Blvd. right-of-way. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the bills (vouchers 102538 – 102888 and checks 046019 – 046105). Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin reminded the Board of the July 4th celebration and fireworks show.
- Commissioner Burnam advised the Board that during the Veteran's Park Committee last meeting that they need assistance from the Road Department if possible to construct a side walk. After a brief discussion the Board authorized the Road Department to perform the work. Commissioner Burnam also questioned whether the Pavilion would need to be bid, the Board stated that due to county funds being involved that the procurement policy should be followed.
- Commissioner Burnam also stated that the SVTA is putting together a Class A and B CDL classes, however, it is still working out the details before starting the classes.
- Commissioner Burnam also questioned staff as to whether the county could send a dump truck to the Town of Jennings to haul dirt onto private property. Commissioner Burnam stated that the Town is planning a peanut festival and needs to fill in a portion of private property in order to have the festival. After a lengthy discussion the Board agreed to assist the Town of Jennings only if the proper documentation and easements are obtained.
- The Board briefly discussed the EMS Billing contract with Intermedix and agreed to place the item on the agenda for the next meeting to allow legal staff time to review the contract.
- Commissioner Ogburn discussed with the Board the letter from Environmental Attorney Scott Shirley regarding the 2013 Annual Progress Report and 2014 Estimates. The Board agreed to allow Commissioner Ogburn to make contact with Mr. Shirley to further discuss the issue.

There being no further business before the Board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

BUSTER OXENDINE, VICE CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK