

June 3, 2014

JASPER, FLORIDA

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, June 3, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Meeting Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Josh Smith, Robert Brown, Randy Ogburn, Beth Burnam and Buster Oxendine, a full Board being present. Also present was County Attorney John McCormick, County Coordinator Louie Goodin and Attorney Cliff Adams.

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

Helen Udell, with the Hamilton County Special Olympics, presented the Board with a plaque for their support of the Special Olympics athletes.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the Consent Agenda. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK – STATUS REPORT

Veteran Service Officer Clay Lambert gave the Board a status report on the Veterans Memorial Park. Mr. Lambert advised the Board that the granite panels for the memorial wall is being delivered and that there should be approximately \$23,000 for the beginning phase of the pavilion. Mr. Lambert and others were pleased with the turnout of people for the Memorial Day ceremony. After a brief discussion of the leveling of the lot, the Board agreed for the Recreation Department to assist in whatever way possible. Mr. Lambert then presented the Board with photos of the pavilion.

HAMILTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – STATUS REPORT

Chairman Smith stated that he discussed with Economic Development Director Susan Ramsey about both Board's meeting to discuss economic development for the county. The Board stated that they would be willing to meet possibly on a quarterly basis in order to be aware of how to assist with the pursuit of jobs and development.

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 variable message signs have been posted and that the road will be closed on June 16th for approximately eight (8) weeks for the construction of the Hunter Creek Bridge.

LOVES BYPASS ROAD – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that he will discuss the need for a right –of-way survey with Mr. Combass in order to get a quote for the work. The Board agreed and directed Mr. Bailey to proceed with the project.

COURTHOUSE PARKING LOT – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that Mr. Bell is requesting that the Board allow a surveyor to layout the Courthouse Parking Lot. Mr. Bailey stated that an estimated price from a surveyor to layout the parking lot will be approximately \$500.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to allow Mr. Bailey to get quotes from surveyors for the layout of the Courthouse Parking Lot and for Chairman Smith to approve the quotes. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

NW 108TH AVENUE – County Attorney John McCormick discussed with Mr. Bailey the width of the easement needed for NW 108th Ave., Mr. Bailey stated that 15 ft. should be adequate.

SCRAP AND SCOP PROJECTS - The Board discussed potential SCRAP AND SCOPT projects and agreed for staff to submit the following list as projects to FDOT:

SCOP

Priority #1 – SW 42nd Drive
Priority #2 – NW 69th Blvd.

SCRAP

Priority #1 – CR-132
Priority #2 – SE 154th Ave. (Facil Road)

SHIP PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors presented the Board with a status report on the Ship Program. Mr. Nabors also presented the Board with the bid results for Charles and Siveria Rye and recommended that the Board award the bid to Lee & Lee Construction.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the new construction (Rye) bid in the amount of \$52,000 and award the bid to Lee & Lee Construction based on the recommendation of Mr. Nabors. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Nabors also presented the Board with a purchase assistance application for Pam Marvin in the amount of \$6,435.99 and recommended that the Board approve the application.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the purchase assistance application for Pam Marvin in the amount of \$6,435.99 based on the recommendation of Mr. Nabors. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Nabors then advised the Board that the ad soliciting Ship applications will be in the Jasper News this week. Mr. Nabors also discussed with the Board the need to advertise for administration for the Ship program and receive quotes for the administrative services.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to allow staff to advertise locally for administrative services for the Ship Program based on legal staff's review of the RFP. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CROSSROADS FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING REPAIRS - QUOTES

Mr. Goodin advised the Board that he only received one (1) bid from Plumb Level Construction in the amount of \$17,800.00 for labor only with the county to provide the materials to replace the damaged areas of the building. After a brief discussion of the bid the Board agreed to allow the County Maintenance Department to make the necessary repairs and to reject the bid from Plumb Level Construction. The Board also noted that L&G Construction pulled their bid that was previously submitted. Commissioner Burnam advised the Board that Mr. Law, with L&G Construction was unhappy with how the bid process was handled. Commissioner Oxendine stated that his intent in re-bidding was to be in accordance with the County's procurement policy.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to reject the bid from Plumb Level Construction due to the amount and allow the Maintenance Department to make the repairs to the Cross Roads Fire Department. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a four (4) to one (1) vote. Chairman Smith voted against the motion.

2007 COUNTY TAX CERTIFICATES

County Attorney John McCormick discussed the 2007 tax certificate with the Board and recommended that the Board take no action due to the property having no value to the county.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to accept the recommendation from County Attorney John McCormick and take no action regarding the 2007 tax certificate.

Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION OF HERITAGE VILLAGE OWNERSHIP

Chairman Smith explained the letter that was sent to the Board from Joyce Miller requesting that the Board consider taking over Heritage Village. After a lengthy discussion the Board agreed to allow legal staff to research the property and report back to the Board. The Board also requested that legal staff get a price for an environmental survey of the property.

ROAD DEPARTMENT WAGE RECOMMENDATION

County Coordinator Louie Goodin discussed with the Board the wage study for the equipment operators at the Road Department. The Board stated that they would review the information provided and further discuss the issue at the next Board meeting.

PCS PHOSPHATE – LAYOFF

Mike Williams, with PCS Phosphate, advised the Board that as of today that their company has eliminated 56 positions. Mr. Williams stated that the affected employees would work through the 60 day warn notice and receive severance packages. Mr. Williams assured the Board that the layoff has nothing to do with the skill level of the employees and was strictly a financial decision. Mr. Williams also stated that of the 56 hourly employees that 11 were from Hamilton County.

NW 23RD BLVD DEED ACCEPTANCE

Attorney Cliff Adams stated that there was nothing new to report.

EMS BILLING AND RELATED COMPUTER NEEDS

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to approve the RFP process for Intermedix as represented for Davie Florida and allow legal staff to proceed with a contract for the EMS billing services. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the bills (vouchers 102341 – 102537 and checks 045607 – 045741). Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

PRIMARY CARE CLINIC

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the 1st quarter financials from Shands regarding the operation of the Primary Care Clinic in the amount of \$49,647 which will be split by the Hospital Board and also to request the \$217,742 for the equipment from the Development Authority. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin discussed with the Board the possibility of delaying the construction of the meeting room at the Library in Jennings due to the Library at NHE being available upon the consolidation of the schools. Commissioner Ogburn stated that he would recommend that the Board proceed with expanding the current building due to the funds being donated by PCS Phoshpate. Lowell Klepper, a council member from Jennings, agreed with the comments made by Commissioner Ogburn and also stated that the consolidation is still contingent upon the State Legislature and could take years. Commissioner Burnam also stated that the decision regarding the consolidation is still not complete. After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed to allow staff to proceed with developing the plans for the addition to the Jennings Library building.
- Commissioner Ogburn requested that Mr. Goodin contact SRRL Director Betty Lawrence regarding the mowing of the White Springs Library. Commissioner Ogburn also reminded the Board that there are still three (3) to four (4) trees that will need to be removed and then the Road Department will remove the stumps.
- Commissioner Ogburn gave the Board a status report of the Technical Working Group meeting.
- Commissioner Oxendine discussed with the Board an appropriation of \$10,000 for the Special Needs Shelter. The Board remembered discussing the issue during the previous budget workshops; however, never took official action. The Board agreed by unanimous consent to allow the funds to be spent on the shelter.
- Attorney Cliff Adams advised the Board that Steve Curry has agreed to research the heir property on NW 23rd Blvd. on a case by case basis at a fee of \$100 per case and \$25 for all additional heirs. Mr. Adams stated that the fee was a fair price and recommended that the Board agreed to use the services of Mr. Curry. The Board agreed by unanimous consent.
- County Attorney John McCormick discussed with the Board the need to sign and execute the Local Option Fuel Tax Agreement for the Town of Jennings. The Board agreed by unanimous consent to execute and sign the Agreement.

- Chairman Smith questioned staff as to covering the hole in the old hospital clinic building. Mr. Goodin assured Chairman Smith that the hole will be covered.
- Chairman Smith also discussed with the Board the spraying for mosquitos in the White Springs area. Commissioner Ogburn stated that they were waiting on the spray in order to assist the county with spraying in the south end of the county.
- Engineer Greg Bailey advised the Board that the current Water / Waste Water permit expires today and that he is working on the documents that have been requested to renew the permit. Mr. Bailey also explained several issues that the plant is experiencing and the Board discussed options available to make the plant operate more efficient.

There being no further business before the Board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

JOSH SMITH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK