

March 3, 2015

JASPER, FLORIDA

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, March 3, 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, and County Coordinator Louie Goodin. Attorney Cliff Adams was absent due to being sick.

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 Ogburn to approve the Consent Agenda and to pull Item #1(Minutes). Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

HAMILTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Economic Development Director Ms. Ramsey was not present; however, Chairman Smith read a letter of appreciation for the Board being willing to meet with the Development Authority to discuss their issues and economic development for the county.

ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT

Engineer Greg Bailey was not present for the meeting; therefore Chairman Smith gave the Board a status report on the current road and building projects.

SR-6 PAVING PROJECT – Chairman Smith advised the Board that Scruggs is in the process of milling SR-6 and that Mr. Bailey is getting the Board a price on the possible purchase of a portion of the milling.

CR-143 – County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that he is working on the contract for the CR-143 resurfacing project and that legal staff is reviewing the contract.

WATER TANK INSPECTION – QUOTE

County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board of an option to piggy back with the Town of Jennings for the inspection of the SR-6 / I-75 Water Tank inspection. The Town of Jennings currently uses Pittsburg Tank & Tower Maintenance Co. and they provided two (2) options, one for an in-service inspection and cleanout using their ROV unit and the other for a drained visual inspection and cleanout.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to proceed with the first option using the ROV unit as recommended by Mr. Goodin in the amount of \$4,450.00. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

NW 23RD BLVD - DEED ACCEPTANCE

- Motion by Commissioner Burnam to accept and execute the deed for parcel # 20 (Mt. Olive Baptist Church). Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT – REQUEST TO PURCHASE
PORTABLE GAME MOUNDS – REVIEW OF PROPOSALS WITH
POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION**

County Coordinator Louie Goodin presented the Board with quotes from Accupitch and BSN for the portable pitching mounds.

- Motion by Commissioner Burnam to approve the Accupitch quote for the portable pitching mound for the Recreation Department in the amount of \$2,399.00. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

PCS – WHITE SPRINGS – ROAD RELOCATION – SE 120TH AVE

Mike Williams, with PCS Phosphate, requested that the Board consider their request to relocate a portion of SE 120th Ave. Mr. Williams explained the purpose for the request and that the relocated portion of the road would be approximately 1.4 miles. Commissioner Oxendine stated that he is concerned about the material being used by PCS for the other roads that have been relocated and the continuous issues with portions of the roads due to heavy equipment traveling on the county roads. Mr. Williams discussed the issues that are ongoing regarding the Black Still Road and stated that PCS will construct the road to the Board's liking. The Board then stated that they would like to address the issues with the other roads prior to approving the relocation of SE 120th Ave. The Board also discussed the possibility of not allowing the relocation and require PCS to follow the current setbacks. After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed to address the issues discussed before reconsidering the relocation of SE 120th Ave.

**RESOLUTION – SUPPORTING SB-166/HB-169 – BILLS IN
OPPOSITION TO FRACKING IN FLORIDA**

County Attorney John McCormick presented the Board with a resolution supporting HB 169 / SB 166 and read the intent of the resolution. Chris Mericle spoke in support of the resolution and explained the fracking process and adverse effects of the process. Jim Tatan, a resident of Columbia County, also spoke in support of the resolution and stated that the Town of White Springs is also in support of the resolution. Mr. Tatan also explained the dangers of fracking.

- Motion by Commissioner Burnam to approve the Resolution supporting SB 166 / HB 169 against Fracking in the State of Florida. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

HAMILTON COUNTY ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG PREVENTION COALITION

Grace McDonald and Shannon Farris, with the Hamilton County Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Coalition, addressed the Board requesting that the Board support changing the signage at the Recreation facilities in the county and stop any smoking on county property. Ms. Farris explained the dangers of smoking and also for 2nd hand smoke. Ms. Farris then said that the Coalition would pay for the signs through their grant. Chairman Smith also suggested that Ms. Farris and Ms. McDonald address the issue with the Recreation Board. The Board agreed for legal staff to draft the proper documentation prior to the Board approving the new signage. Commissioner Burnam suggested that County property be tobacco free. Johnny Bullard, from the Health Department, stated that the Florida Statute governs all laws and regulations.

SOLICITATION FOR BORROW PIT LOCATIONS

The Board discussed the County owned property near the Water / Sewer Plant to which the Board agreed to wait until the well that is located on the property can be tested. Several Board members stated that they are looking for high/dry land and agreed for staff to make contact with landowners in order to determine their willingness to sell their property to the county for a dirt pit. The Board also discussed the County owned property on the corner of SW 69th and CR-141 and agreed to sample the dirt and proceed with the permit if suitable material is available. The Board also agreed to leave a buffer around the property.

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK – STATUS REPORT

County Coordinator Louie Goodin gave the Board a status report on the Veterans Memorial Park and stated that everything is still proceeding with the pavilion.

DISCUSSION OF TRAINING FOR GRADER/DITCH PULLER OPERATOR

Commissioner Oxendine advised the Board that he has talked to Randy Carter, a grader operator in Echols County, regarding coming to train the grader/ditch puller operator due to his extensive experience with the Rockland Sloper. Commissioner Oxendine stated that Mr. Carter requested to be paid \$20 per hour and that the Board has a letter from the insurance carrier stating that Mr. Carter would be covered under the county's worker compensation policy.

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to approve the training as previously stated. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

ENTERPRISE ZONE MAPS – DISCUSSION

County Attorney John McCormick presented the Board with a 2005 letter establishing the effective dates of the Florida Enterprise Zone. The Board agreed to proceed with the ninety (90) day notice with legal staff to determine the notice requirements and advertise the notice.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT REGARDING SUWANNEE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Chairman Smith advised the Board that County Attorney John McCormick is still reviewing the draft agreement and has requested to be allowed to make contact with the other county attorneys' prior to the Board approving the Interlocal Agreement.

SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors was not present for the meeting; however, County Coordinator Louie Goodin stated that there was nothing new to report at the current time.

DISCUSSION OF REDISTRICTING

County Attorney John McCormick stated that he has not received any new information from Dr. Pennock and is waiting on the final draft of the redistricting plan.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the bills (vouchers 107325 – 107453 and checks 047983 – 048056). Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that he has contacted the Hospital Board regarding them participating in the repairs to the Doctors office building.
- Mr. Goodin also advised the Board that staff will be meeting with Shands on the 13th at 1:00 p.m. and will be setting up a meeting with the entire Board and Hospital Board in the near future.
- Commissioner Ogburn discussed with the Board an issue with a driveway being extremely wet at a residence of a critically ill individual; however, the Board after careful consideration stated that they couldn't assist the individual due to it being on private property. Mr. Goodin advised the Board that EMS has acquired a Hummer for these types of situations.
- Commissioner Burnam stated that SVTA is still working on being able to be solvent and will be providing a training class for Class B CDL's in the near future.
- Commissioner Burnam also stated that during the Small County Coalition meeting, Chris Doolin, with FAC, discussed several legislative issues that will affect small counties.
- Commissioner Brown discussed with the Board an issue that occurred with EMS on February 22nd. Mr. Goodin stated that he would check on the issue.

- The Board discussed the need for backup/relief operators for the equipment at the Road Department.
- The Board also agreed to bid the Health Insurance for the coming fiscal year.
- Chairman Smith questioned staff regarding the milling of the pad and road for the Fire training facility.
- Chairman Smith and the Board discussed the usage and amount of the IRC fund.
- The Board discussed how the road graders are grading the roads in the county and directed staff to advised Road Superintendent James Bell to stop leaving a dirt berm on the roads.
- Chairman Smith also discussed the need to find a solution to being able to clean out pipes that are full of sand and causing water to back up on roads and property.

There being no further business before the Board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:26 p.m.

ATTEST:

JOSH SMITH, CHAIRMAN

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK