

May 17, 2016

JASPER, FLORIDA

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Robert Brown, Josh Smith, Beth Burnam and Buster Oxendine, Randy Ogburn was absent due to being sick. Also present was County Attorney John McCormick, County Coordinator Louie Goodin and Attorney Cliff Adams.

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

Vice-Chairperson Burnam recognized the Executive Director of the SRWMD Noah Valenstein and thanked him for being in attendance for the Board meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BUILDING ROOF – BID AWARD

County Coordinator Louie Goodin discussed the bids with the Board with the bids being as follows:

Ogles Roofing and Construction - \$29,250.00
Plumb Level Construction - \$43,400.00

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to award bid to Ogles Roofing and Construction Company in the amount of \$29,250.00 for the EMS roof. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a

unanimous vote.

The Board also discussed the location of the building and agreed that EMS would remain in the building for years to come.

ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT

Engineer Greg Bailey gave the Board a status report on the current road projects.

NW 23RD BLVD. – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that based on the current bid and changes discussed by the Board the new project estimate would be approximately \$3.65 million less approximately \$100,000 for the clearing / grubbing to done by the county. Mr. Bailey also stated that the FDOT budget for the NW 23rd Blvd. paving project is \$2.8 million; however, the actual funding amount is \$2,142,849.00. Mr. Bailey then advised the Board that FDOT has requested that the Board send a request for additional funding with the changes that have been discussed in order to determine if funds will be available. Mr. Bailey recommended that the Board follow the request of FDOT and also to wait 3-4 months before re-bidding the project in order to allow for other companies to participate in the bidding process. After a lengthy discussion the Board took the following action:

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to accept the recommendation made by County Engineer Greg Bailey and to request additional funding from FDOT and wait 3-4 months before re-bidding the paving project. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

1ST STREET, NW 96TH PLACE, JOHNS STREET – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that these projects are ready for construction to begin and that the other road projects are still in the design phase.

SW 100TH AVENUE – Commissioner Brown requested that the Board allow signage to be placed on the road. The Board agreed for staff to have the signage placed on the road.

SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors gave the Board an update on the current Ship and CDBG grants. Mr. Nabors provided the Board with a report of Winifred Cook's residence regarding the possible need to make the home handicap accessible in order for her husband to be able to return home from the Nursing Home. Vice-Chairperson Burnam explained the report and the request being made by Ms. Cooks. Ms. Cooks then discussed with the Board the issues with her home and after a brief discussion, the Board advised her to work with staff and Mr. Nabors in order to get the proper information from the State and work to resolve the issue.

PUBLIC HEARING – EXTENSION OF HAMILTON COUNTY LOCAL OPTION FUEL TAX

Vice-Chairperson Burnam recessed the Board meeting and called the public hearing to order at 6:34 p.m.

County Attorney John McCormick read the title of the Ordinance and letter from the Department of Revenue for the Board and those in attendance. Rhett Bullard, Mayor of the Town of White Springs, presented the Board with information that would apportion the Local Option Fuel Tax based on the percentage of population. Mr. Bullard then discussed the current tax allocation with the Board. Mr. McCormick advised the Board that if the Municipalities were to not agree with the allocation of the tax from the Board, that the amount they would receive would be based on the last five (5) years of transportation costs. Vice-Chairperson Burnam stated that the only issue before the Board is the Ordinance and that the deadline for an agreement with the Municipalities is October 1, 2016. After a lengthy discussion, Vice-Chairperson Burnam closed the public hearing and reconvened the Board meeting at 6:53 p.m.

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the Ordinance to continue with the Local Option Fuel Tax. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

After the Board approved the Ordinance, Mr. Bullard again discussed the allocation of the Fuel Tax and the Board agreed to request that the Municipalities produce the last five (5) years of transportation cost and to also take a look at the county's expenditures as well to better determine the allocation. The Board requested the information to be ready by the June 21st

meeting.

DISCUSSION OF NW 23RD BLVD AND REQUEST FOR SIDE WALKS FOR BICYCLES ON CR-152 – ALBERTA YOUNG

Alberta Young addressed the Board regarding the survey stakes and work being done on CR-152, to which Chairperson Burnam explained that the work on CR-152 is a FDOT Lap project to widen the road. Ms. Young then proceeded to say that the Board, Chairperson Burnam and Clerk of Court Greg Godwin have been dishonest with her regarding the NW 23rd Blvd road construction. Mr. Godwin stated that he had never been dishonest with Ms. Young and had only tried to help her better understand the FDOT programs and that staff has worked hard to obtain the necessary right of way for the road. Ms. Young then started saying that Chairperson Burnam was being dishonest with her also, to which Chairperson Burnam tried to explain that she has also not been dishonest with Ms. Young and has a timeline for the road and would be happy to share it with her if she would be willing to listen; however, Ms. Young was not willing to listen and had to be physically removed from the Board meeting by a Sheriff's Deputy.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT – INFORMATION REGARDING THE UPDATE OF SURFACE WATER IMPROVEMENT MANAGEMENT

Leslie Ames, with the SRWMD, gave the Board an update of the surface water improvements being provided by the district. Tom Singleton, also with the SRWMD, then provided the Board with a presentation of the surface water strategic planning and goals of the district. Noah Valenstein, the Executive Director of the SRWMD, gave the Board the final thoughts and plans of the district. Commissioner Smith questioned Mr. Valenstein as to the testing of wells within the county and the potential for contamination, to which Mr. Valenstein explained the purpose for the testing where there may be potential issues. Mark Lander, with the Health Department, explained the process of their recent well testing and the impact on the environment.

SECOND PUBLIC HEARING – LDR 16-01 – APPLICATION TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY LAND USE REGULATIONS – WHITE DIAMOND FRESH LLC

Land Use Administrator Megan Carter explained that the action before the Board would be to continue the public hearing until the June 21, 2016 meeting.

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to continue the public hearing for LDR 16-01 until the June 21, 2016 meeting. Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

SECOND PUBLIC HEARING – CPA 16-01 – APPLICATION TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN – WHITE DIAMOND FRESH LLC

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- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to continue the public hearing for LDR 16-01 until the June 21, 2016 meeting. Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION OF MOSQUITO CONTROL

Emergency Management Director Henry Land and Assistant Pam Allen provided the Board with a cost estimate for providing the county with a mosquito control program. Mr. Land stated that the county could apply for a DACS grant that would assist with the start-up of the program. After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed by unanimous consent to not take action at this time due to the substantial cost of implementing such a program.

Mr. Land also discussed with the Board the Code Red Call System and the expenditure of \$5,000 to keep the program in tact until the new program can be implemented.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to declare an emergency and to allow the Clerk to reimburse Emergency Management the \$5,000 for the Code Red Call System due to the issues with wells being contaminated. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

PROJECT BARK – DISCUSSION

The Board discussed a letter that was sent by Enerpellets (Project Bark) stating that due to economic conditions causing a major impact on wood pellet producers that they will be forced to delay their project until the economic conditions are favorable. The Board discussed the difficulty in just stopping the project and agreed to allow staff to continue the purchase of the property from PCS Phosphate, respond to Enerpellets and ensure that the Development Agreement is also complete.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SITE ACCESS AGREEMENT

County Attorney John McCormick advised the Board that Environmental Attorney Scott Shirley's recommendation would be to contact Clay Dean, an Environmental Engineer, and allow him to provide an assessment prior to allowing FDEP to access the property. County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that the grant from FDEP would only be for the assessment of the site. After a lengthy discussion the Board agreed to allow Mr. McCormick to contact Mr. Dean in order to see exactly what is involved with the assessment.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the bills (vouchers 115996 – 116359 and checks 051411 – 051533). Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Oxendine disclosed that there was a bill from Northfolk Southern Railroad in the bills; however, he doesn't have anything to do with the billing of the company.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that the Pregnancy Support Center, through the Department of Health, has requested to use the exam tables that were removed from the old Hospital. The Board agreed by unanimous consent.
- Mr. Goodin also advised the Board that the internal certification has been obtained to allow the Maintenance Department to purchase A/C parts and supplies.
- Mr. Goodin advised the Board that SR-6 / I-75 Water & Sewer Plant operator Gordy Bass has submitted his resignation effective June 30th. The Board agreed to agenda the issue and discuss the future of the position at the next Board meeting.
- Commissioner Oxendine requested that NE 113th Ave. be placed on the agenda for the next meeting due to the need to make repairs to a portion of the milled road.
- Commissioner Smith requested staff to check on a Fire Hydrant that is being billed by the City of Jasper and is being used by the county as well as the City.
- Attorney Cliff Adams stated that Chris Mericle contacted him in order to determine if the Board ever received a response from the Army Corp of Engineers regarding the Sabal Trail Pipeline. Mr. Goodin stated he would check on a response.
- Mr. Adams also advised the Board that Marlin Feagle, an attorney that represents the family that owns the Golf Course property, is planning to foreclose on the property that was mortgaged by Mr. Doobay.
- Mr. Adams also complimented the Historical Society on the work they are doing.

- The Board agreed to review the 2nd quarter financials at 1:30 p.m. at the June 7th meeting.
- Vice-Chairperson Burnam advised the Board that she attended the Sabal Trail ground meeting and was very impressed with the outcome of the meeting.
- Vice-Chairperson Burnam also announced that she would not be able to attend the June 21st Board meeting.

There being no further business before the Board, Vice-Chairperson Burnam adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

BETH BURNAM, VICE- CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK