

**May 3, 2016**

**JASPER, FLORIDA**

**REGULAR SESSION**

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 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, County Coordinator Louie Goodin and Attorney Cliff Adams.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Randy Ogburn and led in prayer by John McCormick with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Chairman Ogburn.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- Motion by Commissioner Brown 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 Susan Ramsey was not in attendance.

**VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK – STATUS REPORT**

Veteran Service Officer Bo Beauchemin gave the Board a status report on the Veterans Memorial Park. Mr. Beauchemin advised the Board that the Pavilion should be completed prior to Memorial Day.

**SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT**

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors gave the Board a status report of the current CDBG and Ship projects. Mr. Nabors requested that the Board approve the 2016-2017 SHIP Allocation Certification.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the Ship Fund Certification for fiscal year 2016-2017 as recommended by Mr. Nabors with ITC. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Nabors also discussed the contract for Administrative Services for fiscal year 2016-2017.

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to approve the contract for Administrative Services for fiscal year 2016-2017 as recommended by Mr. Nabors with ITC. 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 projects.

**1<sup>ST</sup> STREET, NW 96<sup>TH</sup> PLACE, JOHNS STREET** – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the construction for these projects is scheduled to begin on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

**SW 59<sup>th</sup> DRIVE** – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the SW 59<sup>th</sup> Drive project bid documents have been sent to FDOT for approval.

**SW 79<sup>th</sup> DRIVE** – Mr. Bailey stated that he is continuing to work on the evaluation for the half way point of the project and is also working with FDOT.

**NW 23<sup>rd</sup> BLVD.** – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that he has met with FDOT in regards to supplemental funding for the NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Blvd. paving project; however, there are currently no funds available. Mr. Bailey stated that the estimates for the construction were off and suggested that the Board consider paving half of the total project, then proceed when additional funding becomes available. After a lengthy discussion of the options available the Board agreed to reduce the speed limit for the road from 45 mph to 35 mph and have Mr. Bailey prepare the exact cost estimate for paving half of the project by the next meeting.

Mr. Goodin discussed with the Board the need for emergency lights to be installed on the Road Department vehicles. Mr. Goodin stated that the cost for

the lighting would be approximately \$1,867.00 and could be taken from the IRC Fund. The Board suggested that the inmate truck be included with the other vehicles.

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to allow staff to work with the Road Department in order to determine which vehicles would need lights, obtain quotes and allow the purchase to be taken from the IRC Fund. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

### **DISCUSSION OF MOSQUITO CONTROL – PAM ALLEN – DIV. OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Commissioner Burnam advised the Board that she has received several calls regarding mosquitos. Emergency Management Director Henry Land and Assistant Pam Allen were present to discuss the options available to the Board. Option #1 – the County could provide the spraying which would be quite involved. Option #2 – Contract with private company to which Emergency Management has names of companies that provides the service. Other option would be to possibly utilize the City of Jasper and their equipment. The cost estimates are as follows: Truck \$20,000 and Sprayer \$12,000. Commissioner Oxendine stated that didn't agree with the County spraying and felt that the spraying wouldn't stop the mosquitos. Commissioner Burman suggested that the Board be proactive due to the forthcoming issues with the Zika virus. Mark Lander, with the Health Department discussed with the Board the trapping of mosquitos within the county in order to test for the Zika virus and that if a case was found that there would possibly be additional funding.

- Motion by Commissioner Burnam to proceed with staff obtaining information for the county to provide the Mosquito Spraying. Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a four (4) to one (1) vote. Commissioner Oxendine voted against the motion.

### **STATUS REPORT ON WELL TESTING – MARK LANDER – HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Mark Lander, with the Department of Health, provided the Board with a status report on the results of the ongoing well testing in the county. Mr. Lander stated that twelve (12) out of ninety-one (91) wells tested were positive for E-coli and that they were in the vicinity of the Withlacoochee River. Mr.

Lander advised the Board that they are working with those that tested positive on how to clean and sanitize the wells. Commissioner Smith questioned Mr. Lander as to why farmers are allowed to store chicken manure in fields and poultry farmers being required to store the manure on cement slabs / under a roof. Mr. Lander stated that he would get Commissioner Smith an answer from the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Lander also stated that they couldn't determine if the E-coli contamination is in relation to the sewage spill in Lowndes County. After the discussion, the Board chose to have County Coordinator Louie Goodin to handle the question regarding the storage of manure. County resident Jimmy Taylor discussed with the Board personal issues with E-coli and the difficulty of having dealt with it.

### **THIRD PARTY BILLING FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

County Coordinator Louie Goodin discussed with the Board the EMS billing services. Patrick McKeon, with Intermedix, addressed the Board in regards to the billing issues with Intermedix and stated that EMS collections were similar to the stock market in that they seem to go up and down. Mr. McKeon explained the billing procedures and reminded the Board that in 2015 they met their goal as to the EMS Collections. Toby Witt, EMS Director, stated that the forty (40) percent collections rate is troubling when other similar size counties are collecting approximately sixty (60) percent. Mr. McKeon suggested that an audit be performed regarding the collection procedures. Chairman Ogburn suggested that the Board consider continuing with EMS Collections through the end of the next quarter in order to see if Intermedix can make improvements and also stated that the 40% collections rate is not acceptable. The Board agreed to allow Mr. Witt and Mr. Goodin to work with Intermedix to improve the collections rate.

### **DISCUSSION OF PROJECT BARK**

Attorney Cliff Adams gave the Board a status report on Project Bark and stated that the last meeting was very positive. Mr. Adams discussed with the Board the Development Agreement and detailed several of the main issues with the agreement as outlined by the Board and Project Bark. Of the options discussed one of the main concerns was regarding a performance bond, to which the Board stated that if Project Bark will not do the bond that the Board will obtain their own. The Board also discussed in regards to the site preparation, that if CDBG is not sufficient that the county would be responsible for the completion of the site work. Both Attorneys agreed and the Board stated

that at the appropriate time they would set a “not to exceed” figure for the site work. Mr. Adams advised that he would provide the approvals to Mr. Graham in order to be prepared to allow the Board to review a finalized version of the Development Agreement. Mr. Adams also gave the Board a status report of the sales contract.

The Board reviewed the following boundary and location survey quotes:

- Cardno - \$9,805.00
- Donald Lee & Associates - \$8,400.00
- J. Sherman Frier & Associates - \$7,525.00

After determining that all three (3) quotes met or exceeded the insurance requirements, the Board took the following action:

- Motion by Commissioner Burnam to award the Boundary/Location survey quote to J. Sherman Frier at \$7,255.00 as the lowest quote. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The Board then discussed the procurement of administration and engineering services for the CDBG grant. Mr. Goodin requested that the Board allow staff to proceed with the procurement for the services without an additional Board meeting due to the timeliness of the process.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to allow staff to proceed with the procurement of administration and engineering services for the CDBG grant due to time constraints. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

## **RECREATION DEPARTMENT IMPROVEMENTS**

County Coordinator Louie Goodin presented the Board with a spreadsheet showing the different projects that need to be constructed at the Recreation Center and stated that the approximate cost would be \$20,000. Commissioner Oxendine stated that he requested the information and that the projects are needed.

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to approve the Recreation Center repairs and have the Clerk to do a budget amendment at the end of the fiscal year. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

### **FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SITE ACCESS AGREEMENT**

County Attorney John McCormick advised the Board that has been trying to contact Environmental Attorney Scott Shirley in order to discuss the issue of the FDEP site assessment program and recommended that the Board agree to complete the form and submit it based on the approval of Mr. Shirley. Mr. Goodin explained the letter and the previous letter regarding the program. Commissioner Oxendine stated that he still feels that due to the fact that there have been no issues with the county fuel site that he would not participate in the program. The Board agreed to table the issue until Mr. McCormick has an opportunity to discuss the matter with Mr. Shirley.

### **BIENVILLE ORC MEETING REGARDING EDUCATION ELEMENT – DISCUSSION**

Land Use Administrator Megan Carter gave the Board an update on the Bienville ORC meeting. Ms. Carter advised the Board that the group has received the concerns from the State Agencies regarding the development and that two (2) of the major concerns were capacity of the schools and capacity on roads caused by the proposed development. Ms. Carter stated that she is working on the solutions / answers to the concerns and that the consensus of the meetings thus far would be to recommend that the fifty-five (55) or older language be placed back in the agreement in order to allow the project to proceed through the State Agencies. Ms. Carter advised the Board that she would need their approval or consent prior to having the language placed back in the agreement. Commissioner Burnam stated that she would not be opposed with the language due to a large portion of the school age children probably choosing to attend schools in another County. Chairman Ogburn also stated that he would agree to place the language back in the agreement to allow the development to move forward after having further discussion on the issue. Chairman Ogburn also disclosed that since the time of the agreement that he is now doing business (buying timber) for the Glawson's and as of such will abstain from any action regarding the project.

- The consensus of the Board was to allow the “55 or older” language to be placed back in the agreement. Commissioner Smith stated that he was still opposed to the language.

### **DISCUSSION OF SIX (6) CENT LOCAL OPTION FUEL TAX, INCLUDING THE LETTER DATED 4-19-2016 FROM THE TOWN OF WHITE SPRINGS**

The Board discussed the letters from the Town of White Springs and the Town of Jennings requesting that the local option fuel tax be re-allocated. Commissioner Oxendine explained that the Municipalities are getting a larger percentage due to the increased tax from Loves and Pilot and therefore should stay the same. Commissioner Burnam stated that she would agree to change the allocation which would allow 6% for White Springs, 7% for Jennings and 13% for Jasper. The Board agreed to attend the Town meetings before making a final decision. Mr. Goodin also stated that he has received a similar letter from the City of Jasper requesting the re-allocation.

### **APPROVE BILLS**

- Motion by Commissioner Burnam to approve the bills (vouchers 115828 – 115995 and checks 051312 – 051410). Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.
- Motion by Commissioner Burnam to declare an emergency and to approve the leave payout for William Mitchell. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

### **CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Chairman Ogburn advised the Board that a member needs to attend the FDOT meeting regarding the Bienville development. Commissioner Burnam stated that she would attend the meeting.
- Chairman Ogburn advised the Board that the Technical Working Group meeting will be at 1:00 p.m.

- Chairman Ogburn also announced that the Pre-Agenda meetings will be moved back to Monday mornings at 9:00 a.m. prior to the Board meeting on Tuesday.
- Chairman Ogburn advised the Board that he would not be able to attend the May 17<sup>th</sup> evening meeting.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Ogburn adjourned the meeting at 11:52 a.m.

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RANDY OGBURN, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK



