

**August 16, 2016**

**JASPER, FLORIDA**

**REGULAR SESSION**

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Robert Brown, Josh Smith, Buster Oxendine, Randy Ogburn and Beth Burnam, 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.

**2016 / 2017 BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Oxendine discussed with the Board a few salary adjustments for the next fiscal year that were omitted during the previous budget workshop. The Board discussed increasing the salary of EMS Director Toby Witt \$2,500 as recommended by County Coordinator Louie Goodin to allow him to serve as the Safety Coordinator. Mr. Witt was present and agreed to accept the position.

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to increase the salary of EMS Director Toby Witt in the amount of \$2,500 as the Safety Coordinator for the county. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The Board also discussed increasing the salary of Road Superintendent James Bell and County Coordinator Louie Goodin by \$4,000 each and to allow them to receive the employee raise for the next fiscal year.

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to increase the salary of Road Superintendent James Bell and County Coordinator Louie Goodin in the amount of \$4,000 each and allow them to receive the employee raise for the next fiscal year. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a four (4) to one (1) vote. Voting against the motion was Commissioner Smith.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

### **PROJECT BARK – DISCUSSION**

The Board discussed a request from Project Bark to set up a skype call with staff and Chairman Ogburn. The Board agreed and Mr. Goodin stated that he would advise as of the date.

### **ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT**

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

**SW 107<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE / SW 55<sup>TH</sup> DRIVE** – Mr. Bailey gave the Board a status report regarding the recent meeting with FDOT. Mr. Bailey stated that FDOT are not able to fund the entire paving project for SW 170<sup>th</sup> Ave. and SW 55<sup>th</sup> Dr.; however, if the County were to decide to drop a future project that the funds could be used on this project. Mr. Bailey recommended that the Board consider paving a portion of the project and wait until additional funding is available and that his recommendation would take care of the issues with the School District. The Board requested that the item be placed on the agenda for the next regular Board meeting due to FDOT staff being present. Mr. Bailey stated that the School District is aware that the road will not be complete by August 2017. School Superintendent Tom Moffses addressed the Board about the paving of a portion of SW 55<sup>th</sup> Drive and acknowledged that the School board understood the time line for the project. The Board discussed the possibility of deferring available funds from future projects and then decided to table the decision until after the discussion with FDOT at the next Board meeting.

**LOVES BYPASS** – Attorney Cliff Adams advised the Board that the legals for the right-of-way have been provided and he is in the process of contacting the property owners. Mr. Adams stated that he was confident that there wouldn't be any problems. Mr. Adams then filed with the Board the legal descriptions and site plan.

**SW 59<sup>TH</sup> DRIVE** – Mr. Bailey advised that the paving project has been let for bids.

**NW 23<sup>RD</sup> BLVD.** – Mr. Bailey stated that he has sent the bid request documentation to FDOT for approval to rebid the NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Blvd. paving project.

**NW 37<sup>TH</sup> BLVD.** – Commissioner Burnam discussed the request from the Oak Woodlands POA to provide maintenance for NW 37<sup>th</sup> Blvd. and to provide limited maintenance on NW 34<sup>th</sup> Blvd. After discussing the issue, the Board agreed by unanimous consent to consider a limited maintenance agreement for NW 34<sup>th</sup> Blvd. when the road is brought up to county standards. The Board also stated that the request for milling cannot be honored due to the legality of selling milling and due to a limited supply.

**PUBLIC HEARING – SE 16-02 – TO ALLOW RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN AN AGRICULTURE – 4 (A-4) ZONING DISTRICT**

Chairman Ogburn recessed the regular Board meeting and called the public hearing (SE 16-02) to order at 6:30 p.m.

Land Use Administrator Shannon Williams explained the action before the Board as an application for a special exception to allow recreational activities in an Ag-4 zoning district as requested by Robin and Buffy Squires. Ms. Williams stated that the Planning and Zoning Board approved the application with the following exceptions: close the gun range, not develop a race track and utilize lots 1,2,3,4 and 10 through the Special Exception.

Robin Squires, the applicant, was present and explained the purpose of the project and answered questions from the Board and public.

Clay Lambert, a nearby resident, discussed the project with the Board, shared his concerns and stating his opposition to the project and requested that

the Board vote with caution. Chuck Lambert also stated his opposition to the project. Richard Turner, a Skydiver from Jacksonville, spoke in support of the project and stated that approximately 132 Skydivers rotate in and out of the current facility. Buffy Squires addressed the Board and spoke in favor of the project. Building Official John Auer addressed the Board and stated that Mr. Squires needs to clarify the number of persons using the facility and would need to either expand the original Special Exception or amend the current one. Mr. Squires, the applicant, again explained the purpose of the project and the reason for requesting a Special Exception. Mr. Squires also answered questions from the Board and the public. Ryan Kelly, a county resident, discussed with the Board the character of Mr. Squires and stated that he uses the facility to practice for his job with the Air Force and is currently stationed at Moody AFB. County Attorney John McCormick stated that the Squires' need to check with the State of Florida in order to determine if a State permit is required for the Wind Tunnel or other business activities. Mr. Squires agreed to obtain a permit if required. Jackie Hall, Buffy Squires mother, also spoke in support of the facility. Commissioner Burnam discussed with the Board the liability of the facility to the adjacent and surrounding landowners. The Board after a lengthy discussion requested staff to review the contracts regarding the liability to adjacent property owners. In addition to the exceptions noted by the Planning and Zoning Board the Board recommended the following exceptions:

1. 8 Cottages
2. 6 RV Sites
3. Wind Tunnel
4. Restaurant / Kitchen
5. Bathhouse
6. Paintball

The Board also suggested that Mr. Squires fill in the shooting range, to which Mr. Squires agreed.

There being no further questions from the Board or public, Chairman Ogburn closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular Board meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Commissioner Burnam also discussed with the Board the need to follow up with the Squires' in order to ensure that all of the issues within the Special Exception are adhered to.

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to approve SE 16-02 with the exceptions noted by the Planning and Zoning Board and the exceptions previously noted by the Board of County Commissioners (8 Cottages, 6 RV Sites, Wind Tunnel, Restaurant / Kitchen, Bathhouse and Paintball) for parcels 1, 2, 3, 4, and 10. Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a four (4) to one (1) vote. Voting against the motion was Commissioner Burnam.

### **SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT**

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors gave the Board an update on the current Ship and CDBG grants. Mr. Nabors presented the Board with round #2 applicants for approval by the Board:

- Motion by Commissioner Burnam to approve the applicant list for Round #2 of Ship projects as recommended by Mr. Nabors with ITC. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

### **PRESENTATION – ZIKA VIRUS – HAMILTON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH UNIT – MARK LANDER**

Mark Lander, with the Hamilton County Health Department, gave the Board a report on the Zika Virus and stated that the test is free at the Health Department. Mr. Lander also advised the Board that there is funding available to assist with the virus issue such as wipes, back pack sprayers and mosquito repellent. Mr. Lander stated that the funding available is approximately \$5,000 per month for a total over five (5) months of \$25,000. Mr. Lander then advised that the County must have a plan in place to receive the funding of which Emergency Management is working on. Mr. Lander stated that the State of Florida wants the eight (8) counties without mosquito control to have a program and will make available \$31,000 as start-up funding. Assistant Emergency Management Director Pam Allen has taken the certification test. The Board requested that the plan and budget be placed on the agenda for the next regular Board meeting.

## **REVIEW OF EMS BILLING COLLECTIONS PERFORMANCE AS PROVIDED BY INTERMEDIX**

EMS Director Toby Witt and County Coordinator Louie Goodin discussed the issues with Intermedix with the Board. Mr. Goodin advised the Board that Intermedix declined to appear. The Board directed staff to continue to monitor the collections and again request that they be present for the September 6<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

## **VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK USAGE / RENTAL AGREEMENT**

The Board agreed to continue this item until the next regular Board meeting.

## **APPROVE BILLS**

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to approve the bills (vouchers 118106 – 118481 and checks 052149 – 052257). Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

## **CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that the Recreation Department needs approximately 6,630 square feet of sod in the amount of \$1,700 to cover the bare areas. The Board agreed by unanimous consent.
- Mr. Goodin announced that the Relay for Life will be held in the City of Jasper Park on October 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Commissioner Smith requested that the Economic Development Position be placed on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.
- Commissioner Smith also stated that a storage facility for paper mill is locating in the old Sewing Factory building.

- The Board approved the letter to the Army Corp of Engineers pertaining to the Sabal Trail Pipeline.
- Chairman Ogburn advised the Board of a letter received from Pipeline Safety regarding a meeting on September 20, 2016 at 11:30a.m. at the Holiday Inn in Lake City.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Ogburn adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

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RANDY OGBURN, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK





