

September 6, 2016

JASPER, FLORIDA

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Meeting Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Robert Brown, Randy Ogburn, Beth Burmam, Buster Oxendine and Josh Smith, 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.

UPDATE ON HURRICANE HERMINE

Mark Lander, with the Health Department, advised the Board that Valdosta's sewer over flowed and released approximately 20,000 gallons of sewer into the Withlacoochee River and that the Health Department is testing for contamination.

Emergency Management Director Henry Land gave the Board an overview of the impact of Hurricane Hermine. Mr. Land stated that the Power Companies are continuing to restore power and that the shelters were open throughout Thursday night and into the day on Friday for persons in need. Mr. Land also recognized County Coordinator Louie Goodin for his assistance during the storm and for his untiring assistance with all of the requests being made.

SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors was not present for the Board meeting due to performing a walk-thru. Mr. Goodin advised the Board that there was nothing new to report.

ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT

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

SW 59th DRIVE / NW 23rd Blvd. – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the SW 59th Drive and NW 23rd Blvd. projects are ready to be let for bids and that the SW 59th Drive will be due at the next Board meeting.

CR-143 MILLING – Mr. Bailey stated that APAC / Preferred has milling available (approximately 40 loads @ \$300 per load). Mr. Bailey also stated that the milling could remain where it is currently being stored and used on the north end of the county. The Board directed Mr. Bailey to return later in the meeting with further information.

REQUEST FOR PAVING – CITY OF JASPER – The Board agreed to continue this agenda request until the next Board meeting.

SW 55TH DRIVE – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that there are three (3) property owners that will be involved in the purchase of the right-of-way for the 1st phase of SW55th Drive. The total amount of property would be five (5) acres at an approximate cost of \$25,000.

HAMILTON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH UNIT – ANNUAL CONTRACT – MARK LANDER

Mark Lander, with the Health Department, reviewed the annual contract with the Board and explained the current level of services being provided by the Hamilton County Health Department.

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to approve and execute the annual contract for the Hamilton County Health Department. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

HAMILTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Economic Development Director Susan Ramsey was not in attendance.

DISCUSSION OF PROJECT BARK

County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that he has previously met with the principle owners of the Company and that the market conditions appear to be improving and may allow the project to be feasible by the end of the year. Mr. Goodin stated that the survey has been completed on the access road and that there has been no further contact with PCS Phosphate regarding a closing date.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – BARNEY BENNETTE AND KIM EVANS – FUNDING ALTERNATIVES FOR THE SW 107TH AVENUE / SW 55TH DRIVE PROJECT

Barney Bennett, with FDOT, addressed the Board regarding the funding options for the SW107th Avenue / SW 55th Drive paving project. Mr. Bennett reviewed each of the options with the Board and answered questions concerning them. Mr. Bennett stated that the total estimate for the entire project is \$2.6 million and that the current available funding is \$1,021,609. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Oxendine suggested that the Board consider option A, which would allow the Board to pave as much of the project as possible and then have a follow-up project in FY 2021 to pave the remainder of the project. Commissioner Brown concurred with the suggestion.

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to proceed with option A as presented by Mr. Bennett. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK – STATUS REPORT

County Coordinator Louie Goodin discussed with the Board the consideration of rules for the Veterans Memorial Park. Chairman Ogburn stated that he didn't like the idea of renting the park. Commissioner Burnam asked several questions of the Board and staff and after a lengthy discussion the Board agreed to table the issue until the Veterans Memorial Park Committee has an opportunity to review the resolution.

INTERMEDIX BILLING SERVICE – DARRYL HARTUNG – EMS BILLING PERFORMANCE

Darryl Hartung, with Intermedix, addressed the Board in regards to EMS billing. Mr. Hartung reviewed the performance of Intermedix and discussed the difference in mileage per run after utilizing an electronic mileage calculator. Mr. Hartung also discussed the collection rate and the fee increase efforts as a result of the changes put forth by Intermedix and the fee increase. Mr. Hartung also stated that the write-offs have increased 70% due to the amounts being sent to collections and that fiscal year 2015 was a record year for collections at \$600,000. After a lengthy discussion, the Board directed staff to continue to closely monitor the EMS collections.

PUBLIC HEARING – CPA 16-01 (WEST PORT CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC)

Chairman Ogburn recessed the regular Board meeting and called the public hearing (CPA 16-01) to order at 10:08 a.m.

Land Use Administrator Megan Carter read the Ordinance Title and briefly reviewed the application with the Board.

There being no questions or comments from the public or Board, Chairman Ogburn closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular Board meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Commissioner Smith questioned the thirty (30) year restriction, to which Ms. Carter explained that the provision could be amended at a later date. Fire Coordinator Henry Land questioned the capacity that would be needed for Fire & EMS. The Board stated that as the project moved forward that the issues would be addressed.

- Motion by Commissioner Burnam to approve the Ordinance for CPA 16-01. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote. Chairman Ogburn abstained from the vote due to having a timber contract with the owners.

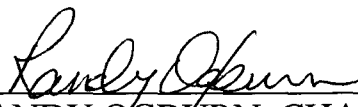
DISCUSSION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POSITION

Commissioner Smith discussed with the Board the need to be more

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that the Emergency Management operation during the recent hurricane was very professional and went extremely well.
- Commissioner Burnam reiterated the comments made by Mr. Goodin regarding the operations at Emergency Management during the hurricane.
- Attorney Cliff Adams advised the Board that Loves has agreed to donate the right-of-way needed for the bypass and that the other landowners also appear to be in agreement.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Ogburn adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.



RANDY OGBURN, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:



GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK