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JASPER, FLORIDA

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 21, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Josh Smith, Robert Brown, Randy Ogburn, 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 Josh Smith and led in prayer by John McCormick with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Chairman Smith.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Attorney Rhett Bullard advised the Board that the Town of White Springs has received a grant from DEO that will provide a development study and plan for the Town and the CR-136 / I-75 Interchange. Mr. Bullard stated that the first meeting will be held on February 1, 2014 at Stephen Foster and that on January 25th from 10:00 – 2:00 there will be a Town Hall meeting in White Springs.

Ellis Wright addressed the Board and congratulated Chairman Smith on being Chairman for the next year and stated that he wanted to discuss the CDBG grant. Chairman Smith advised Mr. Wright that there would be an opportunity to speak during the CDBG public hearing that is on the agenda later in the meeting.

ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT

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

COURTHOUSE PARKING LOT – Mr. Bailey stated that the plans for the Courthouse Parking Lot are about ninety (90) percent complete and that the self-certification permit is ready to be submitted for approval by the SRWMD. Mr. Bailey also stated that Anderson Columbia has agreed to pave the parking lot at the same price per ton as the CR-135 paving project.

NW 96TH PLACE – County Attorney John McCormick discussed with the Board the need to adopt an Ordinance regarding the setting of the speed limit on NW 96th Place.

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to adopt the Ordinance setting the speed limit for NW 96th Place at 20 mph. Second was made by Commissioner Brown,

motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CR-135 – Mr. Bailey advised the signage for the Hunter Creek Bridge extension will be posted four (4) weeks in advance of any road closures or construction. Mr. Bailey advised the Board that Anderson Columbia is still working on the pipe extensions for the CR-135 paving project.

AGRICULTURE EQUIPMENT ON COUNTY ROADS – Commissioner Burnam questioned staff as to the best way to handle the issue with oversize equipment on the roadways. Engineer Greg Bailey suggested that the Board get with the local farmers and request that they utilize an escort. Commissioner Ogburn suggested letting the farmers flag the traffic and handle the situation. The Board agreed to allow County Coordinator Louie Goodin make contact with the farmers in order to alleviate the situation.

CR-141 SPEED LIMIT – The Board discussed the need to adjusted along CR-141 due to the speed limit enforcement distance. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Bailey stated that he would take a look at the issue and report back to the Board.

LOVES – Mr. Bailey stated that the 3rd alternative for the truck route is being reviewed by the Davis's and that there should be a decision as to the selected alternative by the next Board meeting.

FIRST PUBLIC HEARING – CDBG

Chairman Smith recessed the regular Board meeting and called the public hearing to order at 6:20 p.m.

Spencer Nabors, with ITC, advised the Board that the application phase for the upcoming CDBG cycle will be from January 27, 2014 – March 12, 2014. Mr. Nabors stated that the purpose of the hearing was to take public comments; Mr. Nabors also explained the different options for the CDBG grant application. Mr. Nabors then advised the Board that the CATF will meet and make a recommendation to the Board prior to the 2nd public hearing. George Roberson questioned staff as to what CDBG stands for; Chairman Smith explained that it stands for Community Development Block Grant. Ellis Wright addressed the Board and stated that he was concerned that the funds are not dispersed equally and that the road where he lives is in need of being paved. Mr. Wright shared photographs of the road and then stated that there are houses that have been built for individuals that are now vacant. The Board addressed the issue of how the CDBG program works and that the County grant cannot be administered for individuals that reside in the city limits and also requested that Mr. Wright provide information about the homes that were constructed with grant funds and that are now vacant.

There being no further comments from the public or the Board, Chairman Smith closed the public hearing at 6:30 p.m. with no further action being required by the Board. Mr. Nabors discussed with the Board who the current CATF members are and also reminded the public that Hamilton County has a Fair Housing Ordinance in place if there are

complaints about the CDBG grant. Mr. Nabors also stated that the 2nd public hearing will be held during the month of February and that a resolution for the application will be approved in March.

SHIP PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

Commissioner Oxendine stated then at he contacted Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors regarding the need for the repair of a heating unit for Barbara Simms. Commissioner Oxendine stated that Myron Green was called to make repairs to the heating unit, however, the unit was in need of being replaced. Mr. Nabors stated that he allowed the unit to be replaced due to the inclement weather. The cost of the new unit is \$750 and can be handled through the Ship Program with the total bill to be \$908.

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to declare an emergency and approve the purchase of the heating unit for Barbara Simms through the Ship program. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

ENTERPRISE ZONE – MAPS PRESENTATION – DENNIS PRICE

Enterprise Zoning Board member Lowell Klepper addressed the Board due to the absence of Dennis Price regarding the Enterprise Zone Maps. Mr. Klepper explained that the maps have been available for public comment for weeks and that the current maps are preliminary and need to be approved by the Board prior to being submitted to the State for approval.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the preliminary maps as recommended by the Enterprise Zoning Board. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

VANTAGE NETWORKS – FRANK PULLIAM – CONTRACT FOR IT SERVICES

Frank Pulliam addressed the Board and explained that the new domain name for the Board's email addresses has been established and that the old addresses will be forwarded. Mr. Pulliam also discussed with the Board the proposed IT Services Agreement. Mr. Pulliam presented the Board with a summary of IT service hours for the last three (3) months and the cost associated with those hours in order to show that the Services Agreement would be a more feasible option for the Board. The Board discussed the services and support that will be available if the IT Services Agreement is approved. Chairman Smith questioned Mr. Pulliam about supporting the website and making the Board's information available online. Mr. Pulliam stated that he could assist with the website information, however, that the agreement would not allow website creation.

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to approve the IT Services Agreement with ComSys as recommended by Mr. Pulliam and to include the \$2 and \$5 monthly charges for the information to be available through other electronic means. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

DISCUSSION OF RURAL HEALTH CLINIC

County Coordinator Louie Goodin gave the Board a status report on the Rural Health Clinic. Mr. Goodin advised the Board that the insurance issues are being worked out and that the mail out is being held until Medicaid and the proper insurances are being accepted. The Board discussed that most clinics start out slow. Chairman Smith stated that he was concerned that the public is not informed and that the sign for the marquis needs to be purchased and the Board also stated their concerns with the clinic not being able to accept Medicaid and Blue Cross Blue Shield which is turning people away. The Board shared that they were not informed of the issues until now and that their direction was that everything be in place at the opening of the clinic. Mr. Goodin then stated that a OB GYN doctor has approached the clinic about opening a practice next door and that the renovations for that portion of the building would be approximately \$3,000 if approved by the Board. After a lengthy discussion, the Board stated that they would discuss these issues with Mr. Huth. Mr. Simmons addressed the Board and stated that he was advised by the clinic staff that it would be three (3) to four (4) months before the specialist that were promised by Shands will be available in the clinic.

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK – STATUS REPORT

Veterans Service Officer Clay Lambert gave the Board a status report on the progress of the Veteran's Memorial Park. Mr. Lambert stated that the laying of the bricks has started and that the installation of the wall is currently being scheduled. Mr. Lambert also advised the Board that after the wall and plaza that there will be approximately \$20,000 left to start the pavilion and that progress was slow but progressing. The Board stated that the construction that has taken place so far looks great.

DISCUSSION OF CROSSROADS FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING REPAIRS

County Coordinator Louie Goodin presented the Board with a cost estimate of \$1,300 for the necessary repairs to the Crossroads Fire Department. Mr. Goodin stated that the repair will be done with lumber and that if the Board wanted to replace the doors that they are approximately \$2,000 each. The Board stated that they would like to do the entire project rather than just make the repairs to the structure and advised staff to get with Mr. Auer and Mr. Land in order to develop the plans to make the changes discussed by the Board during the site visit.

DISCUSSION OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PERSONNEL RULES AND REGULATIONS SECTION 4.04B – APPLICATION PROCEDURES

County Attorney John McCormick presented the Board with a copy of the current

Personnel Rules and Regulations and a copy of the amended portion.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to adopt the resolution for the amended section 4.04B of the Board's Personnel Rules and Regulations by advertising the open position for two (2) weeks in the local paper and for the applicant pool to include county employees and the public as recommended by county legal staff. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to approve the bills (vouchers 099993 – 100290 and checks 044454 – 044573). Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

RECREATION BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT – DISTRICT 5

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to appoint Janelle Warful as the Recreation Board representative for district 5. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AGREEMENT – RURAL HEALTH CLINIC

- Motion by Commissioner Burnam to approve the agreement with the Development Authority regarding the equipment of the Rural Health Clinic. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that he will have quotes for the obsolete vehicles as of February 28th.
- Mr. Goodin also stated that the Courthouse Wheelchair Lift is being worked on, however, that a prognosis is still not available. The Board stated that Mr. Goodin should get with Mr. Auer in order to determine if a ramp could be constructed in the space provided.
- Commissioner Ogburn requested that the Board approve for the residential driveways on CR-135 be milled during the resurfacing of the road. The Board agreed by unanimous consent and directed Mr. Goodin to issue a notice to Road Superintendent James Bell.
- Commissioner Burnam discussed an issue with NW 13th Drive being extremely narrow and unsafe. Commissioner Burnam advised the Board that Oak Woodlands is willing to allow the road to be widened. The Board agreed by unanimous consent to

allow for the widening of the road due to the safety reasons discussed. Commissioner Burnam also stated that Workforce Development is offering services to the county.

- Commissioner Brown advised the Board that he attended the SVTA meeting on January 8th and that the organization will lose some of their current grants and funding; however, they will pursue additional grants. Commissioner Brown also stated that SVTA will no longer be contracting with vendors.
- Attorney Cliff Adams discussed the issue of replacing a game fence owned by David King along the NW 23rd Blvd. right-of-way. Mr. Adams stated that Mr. King has suggested that the county building a temporary fence and then remove the existing fence and utilize the materials to rebuild the fence due to the cost of the materials. The Board discussed the different options and directed staff to prepare a cost estimate for the suggested fence replacement verses replacing the fence only one (1) time.
- Clerk of Court Greg Godwin discussed with the Board that request from the Fair Association to allow their finances to be placed with the Board in order to allow for contributing companies to receive a W-9. Mr. Godwin stated that the Fair Association's only other alternative would be to file as a 501C3 which is expensive and cumbersome. The Board agreed to allow the request and stated that they would not be involved in the financial decisions of the Fair Association's activities and that they would like to see the Fair Book printed in the future.
- Commissioner Ogburn advised the Board that many of the employees that were laid off by PCS are now working for the contractors that were hired by PCS.
- Commissioner Oxendine questioned staff as to the milling of the two roads (40th and 57th) that were previously approved by the Board, Chairman Smith stated that the Road Department has started the construction.
- Commissioner Smith discussed with the Board the need to hire an Economic Development employee. The Board discussed the issues with Economic Development and will continue to look at the issue in the near future.
- George Roberson discussed with the Board some of the issues with PCS Phosphate regarding the land rights and ownership as well as the future of the county when PCS closes. Mr. Roberson also stated that SW 79th Drive is also very narrow and dangerous when meeting others on the road.
- The Board further discussed the website and the need to have it updated. Staff stated that they would check into the issue and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

There being no further business before the Board, the Chairman recessed the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

JOSH SMITH, CHAIRMAN

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK