

**November 18, 2014**

**JASPER, FLORIDA**

**REGULAR SESSION**

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, November 18, 2014, at 6:00 p.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, Attorney Cliff Adams and County Coordinator Louie Goodin.

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.

**ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN**

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to elect Commissioner Smith as Chairman and Commissioner Brown as Vice-Chairman. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Baynard Ward, with Suwannee Valley Electric Company, thanked the Board for the success of the Veteran's Day Ceremony and for their efforts in helping to clean up after the recent storm. Mr. Ward gave the Board an update on the storm damage and power outages in the county. Mr. Ward also delivered to the Board a check for their property taxes for the county and stated that SVEC wanted to continue to be a good corporate neighbor.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

## **NW 23<sup>RD</sup> BLVD DEED ACCEPTANCE**

Attorney Cliff Adams gave the Board an update on the right-of-way acquisition for NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Blvd. and advised that there are no deeds to be presented to the Board at this time. Mr. Adams also stated that the only issue currently is that they are awaiting the approval of FDOT on the new right-of-way map. Mr. Adams also presented the Board with an invoice from Steve Curry for his investigation services for NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Blvd. and recommended approval.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the invoice for Steve Curry for NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Blvd. in the amount of \$750. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

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

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

**CR-135** – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the Hunter Creek Bridge deck's high side has been poured and that construction is still continuing. Mr. Bailey also stated that he is still waiting on a price for the painting of the beams from Anderson Columbia.

**GIBSON PARK RENOVATIONS** – Mr. Bailey gave the Board a status report on the renovations at Gibson Park. Mr. Bailey stated that the ramp surfaces have been poured and that the contractor is currently pouring the wall and will then begin construction on the parking area. Clerk of Court Greg Godwin presented the Board with an accounting of the boating fund in which the Board has approximately \$26,074.18 that can be spent on the county boat ramps. The Board discussed the construction of a kiosk for the CR-150 boat ramp as well as other improvements for the other boat ramps in the county. The Board directed staff to get quotes for the kiosk.

**NW 23<sup>RD</sup> BLVD FDOT CONTRACT** – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that as soon as the FDOT contract has been signed and executed by FDOT that the Board can proceed with the construction project.

## **DISCUSSION OF 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER HAMILTON PRIMARY CARE FINANCIALS**

Chairman Smith gave the Board a brief overview of the meeting that was held with the Hospital Board Chairperson Amelia Tompkins, staff and Shand's. The Board reviewed the financial report for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters and shared concerns about the Friday operations with no Physician's Assistant being available due to the individual working four (4) ten (10) hour days. Chairman Smith stated that Shand's is planning on utilizing Friday's for specialist and other special needs. The Board also stated that if Shand's is not seeing patients on Fridays and remaining open that it will continue to affect the debt and is not in compliance with the contract. The Board directed County Coordinator Louie Goodin to discuss the issues with Shand's staff and report back to the Board.

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to approve the payment for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter financial reports for Shand's based upon the approval of the Hospital Board. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

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

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors presented the Board with a status report on the Ship program. Mr. Nabors also advised the Board that he is waiting on the CDBG award letter and that the site visit went well. Mr. Nabors also stated that the Board would need to execute the contract for the 2013 CDBG grant prior to December 12<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Nabors also stated that the advertisement for administrative services has been released and will be returned at 12:00 p.m. on December 1<sup>st</sup>. After a brief discussion of whether to form a ranking committee or allow the Board to rank the firms that submit a proposal, the Board agreed to rank the firms starting at 1:30 p.m.

## **PROJECT BARK – DISCUSSION**

County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that staff needs to move forward with the acquisition of the property for Project Bark. Mr. Goodin presented the Board with a draft of the Economic Development Agreement for review and stated that legal staff is reviewing the agreement as well. Mr. Goodin also stated that he and legal staff are answering questions from Mr. Graham in order to finalize the agreement. Mr. Goodin then stated that the

compaction test for the property is complete and that there is the potential of having to further compact small portions of the property where structures will be located. Mr. Goodin also advised the Board that he and legal staff will be meeting telephonically with Mr. Graham to further discuss the Economic Development Agreement. The Board directed legal staff to proceed with the drafting of a deed for the property once all of the environmental reports have been obtained. County Attorney John McCormick stated that legal staff will draft a contract for sale.

### **RESOLUTION – ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WATER TRAILS**

County Attorney John McCormick advised the Board that the resolution is the same as presented to the Board during the last meeting and that the TDC Board approved a letter that is very similar to the resolution at their last meeting. Mr. McCormick then recommended that the Board approve the resolution.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the resolution for the establishment of the water trails as requested by Chris Mericle and based on the recommendation of County Attorney John McCormick. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

### **JENNINGS BLUFF PROPERTY**

County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that legal staff needs additional time to review the survey and to draft the deed. The Board also discussed the easements regarding access to other properties.

### **DISCUSSION OF REDISTRICTING**

County Attorney John McCormick stated that Dr. Pennock is in the process of working on evening out the percentages by districts and will forward a copy of the draft once completed.

### **TECHNOLOGY QUOTES FOR BOARD ROOM – DISCUSSION**

Clerk of Court Greg Godwin presented the Board with quotes for the technology upgrade for the Board room. The quotes were as follows:

1. Hard Wired AVS - \$5,905
2. Skylab Productions - \$6,530
3. Protech LLC - \$6,330

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to award the bid for the Board Room Technology to Hard Wired AVS in the amount of \$5,905. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

### **APPROVE BILLS**

- Motion by Commissioner Burnam to approve the bills (vouchers 105316 – 105754 and checks 047181 – 047347). Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

### **PROCLAMATION FOR HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT – HEALTHIEST WEIGHT FLORIDA**

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to declare an emergency and approve the proclamation for “Healthiest Weight Florida” as requested by the Hamilton Co. Health Department. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

### **ROAD DEPARTMENT – COMPUTERS**

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to declare an emergency and approve the purchase of two (2) computers for the Road Department. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

### **REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM CITY OF JASPER FOR SNOW MACHINE**

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to declare an emergency and approve to make a donation of \$500 as requested by the City of Jasper for a snow machine. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

## **BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR 2013 – 2014 FISCAL YEAR**

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to approve the 2013 – 2014 budget amendments and to accept the returns by the Constitutional Officers. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

## **CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board the Legislative Delegation will be in Hamilton County on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.
- Mr. Goodin also announced that FDOT will be holding their workshop and public hearings on December 9<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 6:00 at the Lake City District Office.
- Mr. Goodin then stated that staff will be meeting with special counsel Scott Shirley to discuss the financial assurance from PCS Phosphate.
- Commissioner Burnam complimented the Veterans Service Office regarding the landscaping that was done at the park and advised the Board that their committee will be meeting on Tuesday to further discuss the benches and the possibility of purchasing chairs for the events.
- Commissioner Burnam also requested that the Board review the committee assignments during the next Board meeting.
- Commissioner Brown questioned staff as to the timeline for the repairs to the old Library building. Mr. Goodin stated that the maintenance department will begin working on the building within the next few weeks.
- Chairman Smith questioned legal staff in regards to the Heritage Village property. The Board discussed the letter that was sent to the Board regarding the intended use of the property if the Board was to obtain the property and directed legal staff to contact Ms. Miller and further discuss their intentions.
- Chairman Smith discussed with the Board the wage employees

supervision and the Board discussed several issues at the Road Department.

- Commissioner Oxendine questioned staff about the Church leasing the old Library building, to which Mr. McCormick stated that he is working on the lease.
- Commissioner Burnam advised the Board that former County Coordinator Danny Johnson is at home and loves to have company.

There being no further business before the Board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

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JOSH SMITH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK