

November 3, 2015

JASPER, FLORIDA

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 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 Josh Smith and led in prayer by John McCormick with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Chairman Smith.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Board staff advised that they will work on the right-of-way issue for the Loves By-Pass.

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 Clyde's Welding has installed the top portion of the pavilion and is still working to complete the project. Mr. Beauchemin also stated that he plans to have the heavy truck traffic on Hwy. 41 re-routed during the Veterans Day ceremony. Mr. Beauchemin then announced that Harvest Fellowship Church will be providing lunch for all Veterans and their families.

SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors gave the Board a status report regarding the Ship and CDBG programs. Mr. Nabors stated that the 2012 / 2013 Annual Ship report has been approved by DEO. Mr. Nabors also recommended that the Board set aside \$50,000 of the current Ship funds in order to maximize their points with the maximum match for the upcoming CDBG grant.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to agree to set aside \$50,000 of the current Ship funds to be used as the 2016 CDBG grant leverage. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Nabors also advised the Board that the current CDBG grant monitoring visit will be Thursday, November 6th. Mr. Nabors also discussed the CDBG Economic Development grant for Senior Premier Living and stated that Mr. Doobay has requested that the County fund approximately \$2,500 for Engineering Services for support of the CDBG grant application.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve for the County to fund the \$2,500 for engineering services for the CDBG Economic Development Grant application. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a four (4) to one (1) vote. Commissioner Oxendine voted against the motion.

ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT

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

SW 90TH BLVD. – County Coordinator Louie Goodin presented the Board with an inventory of the current asphalt millings available for projects. Mr. Bailey stated that if the county has to buy millings on the open market that they would be cost approximately \$22 per ton. Commissioner Oxendine suggested that the Board leave the SW 90th Blvd. project as previously approved by the Board. Commissioner Brown stated that he would like to see the project milled to the Friendship Cemetery.

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to extend the milling of SW 90th Blvd. to the Friendship Cemetery and to utilize Transportation Funds if needed. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a three (3) to two (2) vote. Voting against the motion was Commissioner Oxendine and Commissioner Burnam. Commissioner Burnam stated for the record that she is opposed to the process.

BID AWARD – Mr. Bailey presented the Board with the bid documents for 1st Street, NW 96th Place and Johns Street. The bid results were as follows:

1. Anderson Columbia - \$787,429.13
2. Scruggs - \$840,625.91

Mr. Bailey advised the Board that FDOT's budget for the project was only \$492,452.00 and that he would recommend that the Board revise the plans and re-bid only the asphalt portion of the roads with the removal of the tree on John's Street.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to reject all bids as submitted for 1st Street, NW 96th Place and Johns Street and to revise the plans and re-bid only the asphalt portion of the roads. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

NW 16TH AVE. – Mr. Bailey presented the Board with a copy of the contract for the NW 16th Ave. paving project.

- Motion by Commissioner Burnam to authorize Chairman Smith to sign and execute the contract with Scruggs for the NW 16th Ave. paving project based on the advisement of legal counsel. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CEI INSPECTOR – Mr. Bailey discussed with the Board the need for a separate CEI inspector due to the changes from FDOT. Mr. Goodin advised the Board that he has discussed the issue with a former employee that would be qualified to perform the inspection services. Board directed Mr. Goodin to further discuss the issue with the person and advise the Board as such. Mr. Bailey also stated that FDOT is requesting road projects prior to December 31st.

NW 44TH AVE. – The Board requested that Mr. Bailey check the road and submit his normal documentation as to the suggested speed limit.

**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL –
SCOTT KOONS – AMENDMENT TO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
CREATING THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGION PLANNING
COUNCIL**

Scott Koons, with NCFRC, presented the Board with an overview of the projects and services being provided by the NCFRPC. Mr. Koons also requested that the Board approve the changes to the Interlocal Agreement.

- Motion by Commissioner Burnam to approve the amendments to the Interlocal Agreement creating the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**DISCUSSION OF ADDITION TO SUWANNEE VALLEY NURSING
CENTER**

John Peach, a member of the Board of Directors for the Suwannee Valley Nursing Center, introduced the Board members present and explained the history of the Nursing Center. Danny Williamson, director of the Suwannee Valley Nursing Center, gave the Board a presentation regarding the proposed building expansion. Chairman Smith then read a letter from the Board of Directors requesting the following assistance for the planned expansion of the Nursing Center. Ken Daniels, also a Board of Director, gave the Board an overview of the financial status and plans for the project.

1. Construction assistance in the amount of \$250,000.
 2. Provision of engineering services and construction plan assistance via the County's Engineer.
 3. Site preparation (demolition of home and removal, pre-construction land prep).
- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the request of the Suwannee Valley Nursing Center based on the request being a valid public health and safety issue. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The Board agreed to allow Engineer Greg Bailey to begin work as requested by the Nursing Center.

SECOND PUBLIC HEARING – HAMILTON CDBG GRANT PROGRAM

Chairman Smith recessed the regular Board meeting and called the public hearing to order at 10:10 a.m. Spencer Nabors, with ITC., explained the action before the Board as a request for a CDBG Economic Development Grant from DEO in the amount of \$1.5 million. Briane Cirone, with Senior Premier Living, discussed the proposed project with the Board as a large scale mixed use care center and also explained the purpose behind seeking the CDBG Economic Development grant.

There being no comments from the public or Board, Chairman Smith closed the public hearing and re-opened the Board meeting at 10:15 a.m.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to adopt the resolution for the CDBG Economic Development Grant. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Nabors then advised the Board that the cost estimates for the engineering will be altered due to the county funding the \$2,500 for the engineering services. Ms. Cirone also stated that Senior Premier Living has a formal commitment for the EB-5 Funds.

HAMILTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Economic Development Director Ms. Ramsey gave the Board a status report on the current economic development projects. Ms. Ramsey advised the Board that the Development Authority is working on several new businesses and also stated that they granted Circle of Life Assisted Living a grant in the amount of \$300,000 based on \$7,600 per job over a two (2) year span with six (6) months to acquire the property ect. Ms. Ramsey also stated that she is still waiting on the information as requested from Project Bark. The Board directed staff to contact Mr. Alvarez in order to determine the issues.

MAINSTREET / HERITAGE VILLAGE DEED ACCEPTANCE

Joyce Miller was present in order to answer any questions that the Board

may have concerning the draft deed proposal for the Heritage Village property. Attorney Cliff Adams gave the Board an overview of the language in the deed and the Board stated that if the property is purchased by the Board that they want something done to make it be usable for the community. After a lengthy discussion the Board took the following action:

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to accept the deed as presented for the Mainstreet / Heritage Village property and to take responsibility for the property and its upkeep. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

NW 23RD BLVD - DEED ACCEPTANCE

Attorney Cliff Adams gave the Board a status report on the right-of-way acquisition of NW 23rd Blvd. Mr. Adams also recommended that the Board approve an invoice from Steve Curry in the amount of \$550, to which the Board agreed by unanimous consent to add the invoice in with the current bills.

DISCUSSION OF TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM GRANT

The Board discussed several projects that would be permissible through the grant program and finally decided to submit the following two (2) projects: Gibson Park sidewalk and Veterans Memorial Park (beautification). Land Use Administrator Megan Carter also stated that the program can be used in the Safe Route To Schools Program.

NEW LEASE AGREEMENT – SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

Supervisor of Elections Laura Dees was present for the meeting to discuss the new lease agreement for voting equipment. Ms. Dees stated that Help America Vote Act is assisting with the financing of the equipment and that it will only cost her office approximately \$798 per year.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to authorize the Chairman to sign and execute the lease agreement. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The Board also discussed the progress being made with notifying individuals of the change in the districts and voting places. Ms. Dees stated that

she is working on the issue. The Board encouraged Ms. Dees to proceed immediately.

SABEL TRAIL PROJECT – LOCAL PERMITTING

County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that the local permitting and letter sent by Sabel Trail representatives is no longer an issue.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS – DISCUSSION

Alan Morgan thanked the Board for their service and would like for the Board to make sure that they consider the nearby residents if Project Bark moves forward. Mr. Morgan questioned the Board as to why the location near his home was chosen and Commissioner Ogburn explained the process and why the parcel of land was chosen for the site.

The Board also approved for a letter to be sent to Ameris Bank requesting that they reconsider moving their branch office to Live Oak and to construct a standalone ATM machine if moving.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the bills (vouchers 112413 – 112591 and checks 049885 – 049985). Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

LOCAL OPTION FUEL TAX

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to allow Chairman Smith to sign and execute the letter for the Department of Revenue (Local Option Fuel Tax). Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin reminded the Board of the Ethics training that must take place prior to January 1st.

- Commissioner Burnam discussed with the Board that the NCFRPC may establish a corridor and affect traffic.
- Commissioner Oxendine along with the Board directed staff to make the necessary repairs to the clinic building. Commissioner Oxendine also stated that he would like to see all information be placed in the Board packets rather than be placed on the desk on the day of the meeting. The Board agreed and directed staff to notify everyone of the new request.
- County Attorney John McCormick advised the Board that the retiring TDC members need to be replaced.
- Chairman Smith requested legal staff to check the Board's record on NW 71st Loop as to whether the county has a limited maintenance agreement for the road.
- Land Use Administrator Megan Carter announced the Comprehensive Plan meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 10th at 6:00 p.m. The Board directed the Clerk to notice that the Board may be in attendance only.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 12:21 p.m.



JOSH SMITH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:



GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK