

October 21, 2014

JASPER, FLORIDA

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, October 21, 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 and Beth Burnam, Commissioner Buster Oxendine was absent. 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.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

NW 23RD BLVD DEED ACCEPTANCE

Attorney Cliff Adams presented the Board with a deed from the Estate of Ada Singletary and Willie Coffee / Geraldine Marshall for execution.

- Motion by Commissioner Burnam to execute and accept the deed for the NW 23rd Blvd. right-of-way from the estate of Ada Singletary and Willie Coffee / Geraldine Marshall. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Engineer Greg Bailey advised the Board that the plans for the NW 23rd Blvd. resurfacing project are ready and that bids can be let once the Board receives all of the documentation and funding from FDOT.

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 construction is still proceeding.

GIBSON PARK RENOVATIONS – Mr. Bailey stated that the Suwannee River is gradually falling and that construction will be resuming.

LOVES ACCESS ROAD – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that FDOT contacted him requesting plans and a potential cost estimate for the Loves access road. Mr. Bailey provided them with the documentation and Mr. Greene stated that FDOT will be able to provide approximately \$2.1 million for the construction project.

LAP CERTIFICATION – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that FDOT is renewing their interest in local governments becoming LAP certified in order to be qualified to administer federal transportation funds. After a brief discussion the Board took the following action:

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn for the County to pursue becoming LAP certified in order to be qualified to administer federal funds. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Bailey also stated that he has been working with Dianne Sholtz regarding Project Bark.

PURCHASE OF MILLING – DISCUSSION

Chairman Smith advised the Board that he was approached by Tony Williams, with Anderson Columbia, regarding that possible purchase of approximately 22,000 tons of asphalt milling at a cost of \$5.00 per ton. Chairman Smith stated that the milling would be coming from the resurfacing of SR-6. During the discussion, the Board requested that the milling be placed in two (2) separate locations if possible.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the purchase of the 22,000 tons of milling at a cost of \$5.00 per ton. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES LOCATION – DISCUSSION

Chairman Smith requested that the discussion of the relocation of the EMS be tabled until a later date. The Board agreed by unanimous consent.

PILOT FLYING J – WATER/SEWER HOOKUP FEES

County Coordinator Louie Goodin presented the Board with the current hookup / tap fees for a two (2) inch service. Mr. Goodin stated that the total fee for the service would be \$40,337.00 and that Pilot has requested to pay half of the fee making their fee \$21,469.00. Engineer Greg Bailey explained the fee and Attorney Cliff Adams reminded the Board that agreeing to the request of Pilot would be setting a precedent for future customers. The Board stated that they have always agreed to look at major businesses / customers on a case by case

basis.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the request from Pilot to allow their business to connect to the SR6 / I-75 Water and Sewer for \$21,469.00 due to the connection being an upgrade from the current service. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION OF ELECTRONIC PAYROLL

Clerk of Court Greg Godwin explained the Kronos System that would allow the county to have an electronic payroll and timekeeping system. Mr. Godwin explained that Kronos is a part of the current accounting software making the interface a much easier process and also the fees associated with the system.

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the purchase of the Kronos System. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION OF REDISTRICTING

County Attorney John McCormick advised the Board that Dr. Pennock is still working the numbers as requested regarding the redistricting plans.

TECHNOLOGY QUOTES FOR BOARD ROOM – DISCUSSION

Clerk of Court Greg Godwin requested that this item be tabled until the next meeting due a slight change in the specifications of the design of the technology. The Board agreed by unanimous consent.

PROJECT BARK – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board of the need to have a Geo-Technical Survey and Compaction test for the entire parcel of land being considered for the Project Bark site. Mr. Goodin advised the Board that the tests for only forty (40) acres would be approximately \$15,000 and \$22,000 for the entire ninety-seven (97) acres.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the Geo-Technical Survey and compaction test for the entire 97 acres and for staff to get quotes from three (3) different entities. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Goodin also advised the Board that legal staff has discussed the preparation of a Development Agreement with an individual and that the cost would be approximately \$29,000.

- Motion by Commissioner Burnam to allow staff to secure an individual or company to prepare the proper documentation for a Development Agreement. Second was

made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the bills (vouchers 104918 – 105112 and checks 046961 – 047073). Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors appeared before the Board at the end of the meeting and requested that the Board consider using approximately \$65,000 from the General Fund in order to secure the \$125,000 match for the 2014 CDBG Grant Cycle if the county is successful in obtaining the grant. Mr. Nabors stated that DEO has agreed to fund a cycle and will be visiting counties within the next two weeks and that the funds can be placed back in General Fund when the next fiscal year's Ship funds are received. The Board agreed by unanimous consent to allow for the \$65,000 to be used if necessary.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin reminded the Board that he would be attending the FAC Risk Management conference from October 23rd and 24th. The Board also agreed for Mr. Goodin to attend the Economic Development Summit from November 5th through November 7th.
- Mr. Goodin advised the Board that he attended the Sabel Trails meeting prior to coming to the Board meeting and gave the Board an update on their plans for an alternative route. Mr. Goodin also stated that most in attendance were against the project.
- Commissioner Ogburn questioned staff as to the date for the PCS Phosphate Annual Report to which staff advised that the report will be before the Board on November 4th.
- Commissioner Burnam discussed with the Board the need to hire a grant writer for the county. Commissioner Burnam explained the different grant websites that are offered and stated that she is still gathering information regarding the service.
- Commissioner Burnam also questioned staff about the fuel station that was planning to locate on HWY 41. Staff stated that the company is still planning to locate their facility on the property approved during the Land Use application.
- Commissioner Burnam then asked staff to check into the EMS issue that occurred at the High School which the county unit wasn't able to respond to.
- Commissioner Burnam advised the Board of the auction of the North Florida Inn

property on December 2nd and requested that the Board allow staff to get information regarding the property and the selling price. Commissioner Burnam stated that something needs to be done at the Jennings I-75 exit.

- Commissioner Brown stated that the Board needs to have the Marion Station Cemetery cleaned. After a brief discussion the Board directed staff to have the Cemetery cleaned.
- The Board had a lengthy discussion of the lack of inmates from the Department of Corrections. The Board stated that they have spent time and money to have individuals trained to no avail. Mr. Goodin stated that he would speak with the Warden regarding the issue.
- County Attorney John McCormick presented the Board with the Phase I Environmental Report for the Heritage Village property and filed the original with the Board. The Board directed Mr. McCormick to proceed with the acquisition of the property.
- Mr. McCormick also presented the Board with an amended copy of the lease agreement for Operation “At Home” Inc. for review by the Board.
- Engineer Greg Bailey advised the Board that his longtime business partner will be leaving their firm and begin working with FDOT. Mr. Bailey assured the Board that everything will be business as usual.
- Chris Mericle, with the Walls Watershed Coalition, requested that the Board draft a resolution of support for the work that they are doing to construct a Water Trail along the Alapaha River.

There being no further business before the Board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

JOSH SMITH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK