

September 26, 2014

JASPER, FLORIDA

SPECIAL MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, called a special meeting on Friday, September 26, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Meeting Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida for the purpose of discussing the redistricting of Hamilton County and to discuss and possibly take action regarding Project Bark. 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.

DISCUSSION OF REDISTRICTING – DR. PENNOCK

The Board and Dr. Pennock discussed the options for the redistricting through a telephonic and computerized meeting. The Board made several alterations to the current map and with the understanding that Dr. Pennock will culminate the changes and report back to the Board.

The Board then discussed Project Bark. County Coordinator presented the Board with information regarding the request from Project Bark. Jeff Hendry, with the Florida Institute of Government and NFEDP, was present in order to answer questions from the Board. Mr. Hendry discussed the different grants and State incentives that would be available for Project Bark. The Board discussed the incentives as follows: Cash request for environmental equipment, Tax Abatement, Purchase of Land and waiver of local permitting costs. After a lengthy discussion of the incentives and project Bark the Board took the following action.

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to purchase the 97.5 acres from PCS Phosphate for Economic Development / Industrial Development purposes and due to the fact that the land serves a valid public purpose. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.
- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to negotiate in good faith with the owners of Project Bark for a \$1.125 million dollar cash incentive based on particular milestone achievements and a completed Development Agreement. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.
- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to negotiate in good faith with the Project Bark owners for a tax abatement incentive. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to agree to waive the local permitting fees for the construction of Project Bark. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Hendry then explained the economic impact projections and analysis for Project Bark on the community. The Board directed staff to proceed with the purchase of the property and for legal staff to take a look at the Development Agreements in order to determine how to proceed. The Board also thanked Mr. Hendry and Mr. Goodin for all of their efforts in working with Project Bark.

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to accept the deed as presented by County Attorney John McCormick for the property adjacent to Heritage Village owned by the Tuten heirs. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.
- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the State Aid Library Agreement for execution and signature by Chairman Smith. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.
- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to declare an emergency and purchase a shelter from Keen's Portable Buildings @ \$945 for the covering of the pumps at the Water /Sewer Plant.

There being no further business before the Board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:27 p.m.

JOSH SMITH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK