

# JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Session  
Courthouse Annex  
October 3, 2019  
6:00 P.M.

The Board met this date in regular session. Present were Chair Betsy Barfield, Commissioners Stephen Fulford, Eugene Hall and Stephen Walker. Commissioner Surles appeared telephonically. Also present were County Attorneys Buck Bird and Scott Shirley, County Coordinator Parrish Barwick and Clerk of Court Kirk Reams.

1. Chair Barfield called the meeting order. Commissioner Stephen Fulford led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
2. Sheriff Mac McNeill addressed the Board regarding a communications upgrade grant from Department of Emergency Management. He requested approval to spend \$7500 for the county's portion of the cost associated with the grant and noted the deadline was October 15<sup>th</sup> to apply. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the Sheriff's request was added to the consent agenda as item 3(g).**
3. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Consent Agenda consisting of: Approval of Agenda as amended; BOCC Minutes of September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Regular Meeting; General Fund/Transportation Vouchers; Resolution in Support of Agriculture Center Grant Application; Proclamation for Dennis Gallon Birthday Celebration on October 12, 2019; and Industrial Park Property Sale Addendum for Each Lot.**
4. The A-Building item on the consent agenda was tabled for a future meeting.
5. County Attorney Scott Shirley introduced the multi-use trail plan item and requested that Planning Official Shannon Metty present a slideshow presentation and open discussion on this item. The Board allowed public input on this item. The following citizens spoke against the project: Bill Howard; Lynn McGrady; Carmen Rogers; BJ Nelson; Attorney Mallory Newman on behalf of Wallace Bullock and family; Doug Darling on behalf of multiple landowners; Attorney Robert Hosay; Anna Martin; Jimmy Graganella; Clayton Tolbert; Deborah Taylor; and Paul Henry. Citizen Phil Calandra spoke in favor of the project. After public input, Chair Barfield stated she would like to move forward with the project. **Commissioner Surles made a motion to not move forward with the project, to which Commissioner Hall seconded for discussion.** Commissioner Walker stated he was in favor of the project because it would provide public access to Ward's Creek. Commissioner Fulford stated he was initially in support of the project, but after hearing more was not in favor. **The motion to not move forward with the trail carried 3 to 2 (Barfield and Walker opposed).**
6. County Attorney Buck Bird introduced the Resolution for Disposition of Surplus Lands. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, this item was continued to the next meeting to allow Attorney Bird and Commissioner Fulford to finish work on the resolution.**
7. County Attorney Buck Bird introduced the lease agreement between Jefferson County and Anthony Leo Russell. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the Board approved the lease agreement.**

8. Citizen Paul Henry inquired about several expenditures on the warrant register.
9. Citizen Sylvia Sheffield thanked the Board for its most recent donation to the Senior Center.
10. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams spoke about the potential FRDAP grant for the horse arena. He stated he was going to meet with DEP to work through the application process.
11. Commissioner Fulford discussed the hemp summit he attended in regards to economic development.
12. Commissioner Hall requested another appointee be made to the Library Board, as he did not have the time to commit to this Board.
13. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

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Jefferson County, Florida**

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Betsy Barfield, Chair

ATTEST:

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Kirk Reams, Clerk of Court