

# JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Session  
Courthouse Annex  
October 17, 2019  
6:00 P.M.

The Board met this date in regular session. Present were Chair Betsy Barfield, Commissioners Stephen Fulford, Eugene Hall, JT Surles and Stephen Walker. 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. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
2. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams requested removing the A Building Presentation from the agenda and replacing it with an emergency item related to the County Audit. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the Board approved the request and the County Audit item replaced the A Building presentation as item D.**
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 October 3rd, 2019 Regular Meeting; and General Fund/Transportation Vouchers.**
4. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, Citizens Request (Item #5) and General Business (Item #4) were switched to accommodate the people attending to speak on FDOT Toll Road.**
5. Chair Barfield asked that any citizens attending to speak on the toll road please complete a request form. The Board allowed the citizens to comment on the proposed toll road.
6. County Coordinator Barwick introduced the debris removal and site management standby contract. He stated this contract would allow someone to come in and remove debris quicker in the event of a disaster or emergency situation. **On motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the Board approved the debris removal and site management standby contract.**
7. County Attorney Buck Bird introduced the disposition of surplus lands policy and resolution. **On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board approved the policy and resolution.**
8. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick introduced the SHIP housing request for change orders and authorized cost above \$75,000. **On motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the Board approved the SHIP change orders.**
9. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams addressed the Board concerning the external auditor Carr, Riggs & Ingram (CRI) completed the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) late last year (county fiscal year 16/17) and still not complete on this year (17/18). He provided a timeline of contact with CRI and noted he has been unable to get them to begin work on the County's CAFR. Clerk Reams stated he had reached out to the Joint Legislative Audit Committee (JLAC), the entity the promulgates all of the rules related to financial reporting for the state of Florida. Mr. Reams and the JLAC discussed the County's situation and the

current contract with CRI. The JLAC remarked that CRI is late on other municipality audits and gave approval for Jefferson County to hire another CPA firm to complete the CAFR for this year (county fiscal year 17/18) and the upcoming year (county fiscal year 18/19) due to an emergency situation. After the 18/19 audit is completed, the JLAC would like Jefferson County to engage in a formal procurement for auditing services. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the Board gave Clerk Reams the authority to terminate the contract with CRI and move forward with a new CPA firm for the emergency audit.**

10. Clerk of Court Reams stated that he and County Coordinator Barwick would get together to compile a list of potential SCRAP and SCOP projects to submit to FDOT in the upcoming year.
11. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick asked the Board if they would like for him to continue his search for a site for the public gun range. After discussion, the Board suggested that Mr. Barwick suspend his search due to the private gun range scheduled to be opened by Robinson Gunworks.
12. County Attorney Scott Shirley provided an update on the Thompson Gas Station petroleum cleanup and remediation. He stated that FDEP is wanting the County to put up a significant amount of money to assist and recommended no action from the Board at this time. He also noted that the lease had been signed by Anthony Leo Russell to utilize this site for his car washing business.
13. Commissioner Hall thanked County Coordinator Barwick for coordinating the mowing of the MLK Jr. facility.
14. Chair Barfield discussed the grooming of the Highway 90 corridor between Monticello and Tallahassee.
15. Citizen Clayton Tolbert spoke to the Board about the city and the county working together on common issues.
16. Citizen Willie Tyson expressed concern about a property line issue between the cemetery and the Tyson Road landfill.
17. **On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

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Betsy Barfield, Chair

ATTEST:

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Kirk Reams, Clerk of Court