

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Session
Courthouse Annex
December 19, 2019
6:00 P.M.

The Board met this date in regular session. Present were Chairman JT Surles, Commissioners Betsy Barfield, Stephen Fulford, Eugene Hall and Stephen Walker. Also present were County Attorneys Buck Bird and Scott Shirley and Clerk of Court Kirk Reams.

1. Chairman Surles called the meeting order. Commissioner Walker led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
2. PUBLIC HEARING: Non-Ad Valorem Tax Assessment
3. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams introduced the non-ad valorem tax assessment. He explained this would give the county the ability to allow neighborhoods to impose an assessment in order to improve roadways or other infrastructure. Jeff Rackley, with Government Services Group, explained that approving this would be a first step in the process. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the Board approved moving forward with the non-ad valorem assessment.**
4. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the Board approved the consent agenda, consisting of: Approval of the Agenda, General Fund/Transportation Vouchers and minutes for the 11/21/2019 Regular Session.**
5. Mr. Langton, with Langton Grants Consulting, gave a presentation on grant writing opportunities. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board approved engaging in a contract with Langton for grant writing services.**
6. Attorney Scott Shirley requested an extension on the amendment to the settlement agreement between Elder and Jefferson County. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the Board approved the extension request.**
7. Attorney Scott Shirley presented the Board with the Thompson Gas Petroleum Remediation Agreement. Per the agreement, Department of Environmental Protection is not holding the County liable for any of the remediation. **On motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board approved the remediation agreement.**
8. Planning Official Shannon Metty provided an overview of the Trulieve Site Plan modification. Per Mrs. Metty, Trulieve is adding buildings to the original site plan. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the Board approved the site plan modification.**
9. Rosemary Woods, from Atkins and Ryan Asmus, with Florida Department of Transportation, provided an update to the Board on the toll road. They stated community meetings would be held in the near future, with one planned for March 12th and another on March 24th at the Church of the Nazarene.

10. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams informed the Board that he had spoken with FDOT and they had requested the County provide 3 SCRAP, 2 SCOP and 1 CIGP projects by the beginning of the year for discussion. Clerk Reams stated he would be compiling a list of recommendations to bring before the Board at the beginning of the new year. He also informed the Board that FDOT would be addressing bridges and noted it would behoove the County to compile a list of bridges that needed to be repaired.
11. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated Governor Desantis had recently given state employees a New Year's Eve holiday in addition to New Year's Day and asked if the Board would like to do the same. **On motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board approved New Year's Eve as a holiday for the county employees.**
12. Commissioner Walker asked if the Board could do anything to prevent oil drilling in the Aucilla and Wacissa Rivers, similar to the type of drilling being performed in Calhoun County.
13. Commissioner Barfield provided the Board with an update on the MCORS meeting recently held in Perry regarding the toll road.
14. Commissioner Hall discussed the North Florida Economic Development Council meeting recently held in Dixie County.
15. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

**Board of County Commissioners
Jefferson County, Florida**

J.T. Surles, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kirk Reams, Clerk of Court