

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Session
Courthouse Annex
February 20, 2020
6:00 P.M.

The Board met this date in regular session. Present were Chairman JT Surlles, 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 Surlles called the meeting order. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
2. Tim Phillips, local IT professional, introduced Todd Woodruff of ESE Networks, a high-speed internet provider in the area. Mr. Phillips and Mr. Woodruff gave a Powerpoint presentation on what it would take to provide high-speed internet to Jefferson County.
3. Tax Collector Lois Howell Hunter presented the Board with a check for excess funds in the amount of \$584,799.25.
4. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the Board approved the consent agenda, consisting of: Approval of the Agenda, General Fund/Transportation Vouchers, Minutes for the 1/16/2020 Regular Session, the Jefferson County Crepe Myrtle Corridor Tree Trimming project, the Powerline Easement to Duke Energy for Wacissa Riverhead Facilities, Supervisor of Elections Request for Funding for Special Election to be Reimbursed, Broadband Access Improvements (Final Task Order #1 and Final Task Order #2), Proclamation for Thomas Sutton “Sut” Wimberly and CDBG Housing Grant Rehab Services.**
5. Citizen Clayton Tolbert introduced the local government buildings currently deeded to the Jefferson County School Board item and asked why the County is paying for a building already owned by the taxpayers. School Board member Shirley Washington stated that Mr. Tolbert should bring these concerns before the School Board.
6. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams introduced the Waukeelah Highway Resurfacing and Widening bid tabulations item. He explained that this was a SCOP project that was going to be broken into two phases that did not include FDOT paying for the paving of shoulders. However, after the bid was opened, FDOT stated they were amenable to paving the shoulders. The lower bidder without the paved shoulders was Capital Asphalt; the low bidder including the paved shoulders was Peavy. Due to unique situation of the scope of funding from FDOT changing after the bid submittals, FDOT was contacted and stated Jefferson County would have to determine how to move forward. Mark Mitchell of Capital Asphalt addressed the Board and stated he bid on the project without the shoulders and felt he could be more competitive if he had known the full scope. The Board tabled this item to the next meeting. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams reminded that Board that SCRAP/SCOP/CIGP requests were due to FDOT by the middle of March and would be discussed at the next meeting.

7. Commissioner Barfield introduced the Grant Consultant Services RFP. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, Langton and Associates was selected for grant consultant services.**
8. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick introduced the standby contract for debris removal with TFR Enterprises. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the Board approved the contract.**
9. Commissioner Hall requested that County Engineer Josh Baxley look into the potential cost of putting in a basketball court at the Martin Luther King Jr. Center.
10. Citizen Phil Calandra stated he felt it would be in the county's best interest to purchase dump sites rather than lease them.
11. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams reminded the Board that a resolution would be needed at the next meeting to move forward with SCRAP, SCOP and CIGP requests to FDOT.
12. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick provided an update on the county-owned SHIP house that is currently under contract. He stated that the buyer is requesting additional work be performed, but he did not feel that was part of the agreed upon contract.
13. Jessica Holly, with Representative Jason Shoaf's office, introduced herself to the Board and provided contact information for any citizen in Mr. Shoaf's district that needed to contact him or his office.
14. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

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

J.T. Surles, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kirk Reams, Clerk of Court