

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Session
Courthouse Annex
March 5, 2020
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. Citizen Mike Willis led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
2. Katrina Richardson, on behalf of the Tourist Development Council, informed the Board that council member Emily Anderson had resigned and was going to be replaced by Gloria Cox.
3. Dr. George Cole, on behalf of the Aucilla Research Institute, gave a presentation on the geographical background and floodplains/wetlands associated with Jefferson County. Dr. Willet Byer discussed the historical sites of anthropological interest in Jefferson County. Dr. James Dunbar discussed how storms could impact wetlands in the County.
4. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the Board approved the consent agenda, consisting of: Approval of the Agenda, General Fund/Transportation Vouchers, Minutes for the 2/20/2020 Regular Session and the Delegation of Authority in the Absence of Sheriff for Emergency Management.**
5. Commissioner Fulford introduced the legal representation for special projects NextEra route. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and carried 4 to 1 (Hall opposed), the Board moved for County Coordinator Parrish Barwick to reject Mr. Collins' resignation via email in order to keep him on as counsel.**
6. County Attorney Scott Shirley introduced the Special Assessment Master Ordinance item. He stated that, as of now, there are two potential projects related to the special assessment: Valley View and Casa Bianca. He stated Governmental Services Group was going to work with County Coordinator Barwick to get numbers together on cost of paving/maintaining those roads to bring back before the Board. He stated no action was necessary at this time.
7. County Attorney Shirley introduced the SCRAP project on Waukeenah Highway item from the previous meeting. His recommendation was to reject all bids and re-bid this project. Mark Mitchell, with Capital Asphalt, objected to this course of action and stated the other bidders had seen his low bid, putting him at a disadvantage. After discussion, the consensus of the Board was to get with FDOT to ensure they could fund all three phases of the Waukeenah Highway project before any action was taken by the Board.
8. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams introduced the SCRAP, SCOP, CIGP and Bridge projects for Board consideration. SCRAP: Aucilla Road and Tram Road; SCOP: Boston Highway and Ashville Highway from 90 to Salt Road; CIGP: Barnes Road; and bridge: two

bridges on Waukeelah Highway. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the Board approved the recommendations as listed above.**

9. Commissioner Hall provided an update on the cyber security conference he recently attended in Washington, D.C. and recommended the Board develop a policy. The consensus of the Board was to have County Coordinator Barwick work with the Sheriff's Department on developing a draft to bring before the Board.
10. Planning Official Shannon Metty introduced the first reading of the Solar Ordinance. After discussion, the consensus of the Board was to have Mrs. Metty revise the ordinance and bring back for review prior to the first reading.
11. Ryan Ausmus, with FDOT, gave an update on the recent meetings regarding the Toll Road. He also informed everyone of an upcoming task force meeting on March 24th from 10 am to 4 pm at the Church of the Nazarene.
12. **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