

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Session**  
**Emergency Management Operations Center**  
**June 4, 2020**  
**6:00 P.M.**

The Board met this date in regular session. Present were Chairman JT Surlles, Commissioners Betsy Barfield (via videoconferencing), Stephen Fulford, Eugene Hall and Stephen Walker. Also present were County Attorney Scott Shirley and Clerk of Court Kirk Reams.

1. Chairman Surlles called the meeting order. Fire Rescue Chief Derrick Burrus led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
2. Fire Rescue Chief Burrus read a resolution for Captain Jim Iten who is retiring from Jefferson County Fire Rescue.
3. Attorney Scott Shirley requested that items 4a and 4b under General Business be removed from the Agenda, as not all of the information has yet been received.
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 as amended, General Fund/Transportation Vouchers and Minutes for the 5/7/2020 Regular Session.**
5. Commissioner Hall introduced the request for county-funded basketball courts at the Martin Luther King Jr. Foundation. He stated he has met with County Engineer, who provided a soft estimate of a one-time \$44,000 outlay to do the basketball court. **Commissioner Hall made a motion to fund the basketball court. The motion died for lack of a second.** After discussion by the Board, the consensus was to revisit this item after the Board had a better idea of gas tax and state revenue sharing impacted by the Coronavirus.
6. Planning Official Shannon Metty introduced the solar ordinance and highlighted the proposed changes to the current draft. Mrs. Metty and Attorney Scott Shirley are going to make the proposed changes to the draft and bring before the Board at a future meeting.
7. Attorney Scott Shirley introduced the Lobbyist Registration item and provided the Board with a potential draft of a lobbying ordinance based on the ordinance utilized by the City of Tallahassee.
8. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated he would be bringing potential dates for the budget workshops in July to the next meeting.
9. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick addressed the Board regarding roads paved with the 2018 Road Bond and those that still were on the list. He further noted that the funds from the 2018 Road Bond were nearly exhausted and requested that the Board direct him on which road project or projects to move forward with. Commissioner Barfield requested this item be tabled to the next Board meeting.
10. County Coordinator Barwick recommended the Board meet on June 18<sup>th</sup> and then have the first July meeting on July 16<sup>th</sup>. It was the consensus of the Board to move forward with this schedule.

11. County Attorney Scott Shirley stated the Judge has not yet ruled on the litigation filed by Capital Asphalt. Therefore, the county will have to wait before proceeding with the Waukeelah Highway SCRAP project.
12. Commissioner Walker stated his desire to have someone audit our CenturyLink internet speeds and the amount of megabytes allocated to Jefferson County.
13. Chairman Surles stated a family had recently purchased property and was requesting a one-time variance to continue a fence that was on county property that would be utilized as part of their property. The Board requested Attorney Shirley draft the variance.
14. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

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

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J.T. Surles, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Kirk Reams, Clerk of Court