

# JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## Regular Session

### Emergency Management Operations Center

June 18, 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 Attorney Scott Shirley and Clerk of Court Kirk Reams.

1. Chairman Surles called the meeting order. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
2. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick introduced the CARES Act Funding and requested it be added to general business as item 4(f). County Attorney Scott Shirley requested that general business items 4(a) and 4(b) be removed from this agenda to be heard at a future meeting. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the consent agenda—consisting of the approval of the agenda as amended, General Fund/Transportation Vouchers, BOCC Minutes for 6/4/2020 Regular Session, CareerSource North Florida Consortium Interlocal Agreement and CareerSource North Florida sub recipient/Department of Economic Opportunity Agreement—was approved.**
3. Commissioner Hall introduced the American Flag and Prisoner of War Flag item. He requested that a flagpole be erected and these flags flown at the Courthouse Annex. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated he would reach out to the company that maintains the Courthouse flagpole to see about having a pole installed.
4. County Attorney Scott Shirley introduced the Lobbyist Registration item. The Board discussed the language in the current draft and requested that Attorney Shirley make suggested changes and bring back before the Board at a future meeting,
5. County Coordinator Barwick introduced the Road Department dump truck lease agreements. The lease is for two dump trucks and one roll off truck. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the Board approved County Coordinator Barwick moving forward with the leases.**
6. Attorney Scott Shirley introduced the CARES Act funding item. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams explained the process and explained the county would be receiving 25% of the funding determined for our county. He further stated he would be putting together a workgroup that would track potential COVID-19 expenditures from March-December 2020 and interface with Department of Emergency Management to ensure expenses are allowable under the CARES Act and eligible for reimbursement. Any expenditures exceeding the initial 25% would also be packaged and submitted to DEM for review. Clerk of Court Reams also noted that his office would take care of the quarterly reporting associated with the funds. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the Board approved the CARES program being managed by the Clerk's Office.**
7. County Coordinator Barwick informed the Board that the County had approximately \$240,000 remaining of the 2018 road bond funds. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated that

the County was about halfway through paying off the 2012 road bond and—with low interest rates—could potentially borrow against this bond and extend the length of the term. Clerk Reams stated he would bring different proposals to the Board at a future meeting and requested Commissioners compile a list of potential roads to be paved.

8. Commissioner Hall inquired about mowing in one area of his district, to which County Coordinator Barwick stated a work crew had been in the area that day.
9. Commissioner Fulford suggested a possible CARES funding expenditure could be the money spent on mowing since the County has been unable to utilize prison work crews during the COVID-19 pandemic.
10. Chairman Surles discussed the potential of returning to in-person Board meetings at the Courthouse Annex. It was the consensus of the Board to revisit this topic at the July 16<sup>th</sup> Board meeting at the Emergency Operations Center.
11. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

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

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J.T. Surles, Chairman

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Kirk Reams, Clerk of Court