

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Session

Emergency Management Operations Center

August 6, 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. Commissioner Hall led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
2. Commissioner Hall presented a proclamation to Summer Camp for their feeding of the disadvantaged youth in our community.
3. Auditor Chris Moran gave an overview of the 2018 audit and provided an update on the 2019 audit.
4. Commissioner Barfield requested that General Business item K be moved directly after item A. Commissioner Hall requested that the Summer Camp grant be tabled to a future meeting in order for him to bring additional information to the Board. **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, Grant Application for We Care Network and SHIP Annual Report/Certification—was approved.**
5. Chairman Surles introduced the citizens request to discuss the removal of the monument on the Courthouse grounds. Citizen Franklin Brooks spoke in favor of removing the monument. The following people spoke against removing the monument: Parrish Barwick, Sara Kirsch, Diana Olensky, Robin Frutig, Ed Vollertsen, Fritz Kirsch, Jack Carswell. Regan Anderson recommended this item be placed on the ballot. Tracie Fulford stated the Courthouse grounds should be neutral. Commissioner Hall spoke in favor of removing the monument. Commissioner Fulford spoke in favor of removing the monument. **Commissioner Hall made a motion to remove the monument, to which Commissioner Fulford seconded. Commissioner Fulford withdrew his second and Commissioner Barfield seconded Commissioner Hall's original motion. The motion failed 2 to 3 (Barfield, Surles and Walker opposed).**
6. Commissioner Fulford introduced the discussion of the county-wide mask requirement. County Health Department Director Kim Albritton discussed current trends with regards to masks. **Commissioner Hall made a motion to support the county-wide mask requirement. The motion died for lack of a second.**
7. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams provided a worksheet with the first wave of distribution for the CARES Act funding. On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Hall and unanimously carried, the Board approved the expenditures of the CARES funding.
8. County Attorney Scott Shirley introduced the Self-Assessment Ordinance that would allow subdivisions the ability to develop projects larger than could be afforded by individuals. He stated he would put together the parameters for this program and bring before the Board at a future meeting.

9. Planning Official Shannon Metty presented the solar ordinance for discussion. The Board provided some recommended changes. Mr. Shirley and Mrs. Metty stated they would bring a revised draft of the ordinance to the Board before advertising for public hearing.
10. Planning Official Shannon Metty presented the first reading of the Comprehensive Plan map change.
11. Commissioner Barfield provided an update on the NextEra negotiations. It was the consensus of the Board to have Shannon Metty be the liaison from the Board to NextEra and to receive a pay increase for her additional duties.
12. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams recommended that Commissioners send a list of roads they would like to see paved. He stated he could then get cost estimates on the roads and discuss/research the feasibility of extending the Road Bond.
13. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the following housing change orders were approved: Joseph Hankins (\$3,000); Lewis Anderson (\$22,542); Doris Ford (\$13,900).**
14. The CARES Act Foreclosure and Eviction Prevention application was briefly discussed as an informational item.
15. Commissioner Barfield introduced the Gulf Consortium sub-recipient agreement. It was the consensus of the Board to no longer pursue the Boland property due to the price.
16. Commissioner Hall introduced the public access channel item. He stated the Board could potentially meet via this method.
17. Planning Official Shannon Metty stated the Board needed to replace the Veteran Affairs Officer. It was the consensus of the Board to advertise for this vacancy.
18. Attorney Scott Shirley stated he would be advertising a formal meeting to discuss the Waukeelah Highway litigation.
19. Commissioner Hall reminded the Board that he would be bringing back the Summer Camp grant application at the next meeting.
20. Commissioner Barfield requested the Board get back to the twice-per-month meetings, in order to cut down on such large agendas/so many items.
21. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

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

J.T. Surles, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kirk Reams, Clerk of Court