

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Session

Emergency Management Operations Center

September 3, 2020

6:00 P.M.

The Board met this date in regular session. Present were Chair JT Surles, Commissioners Betsy Barfield, Stephen Fulford and Eugene Hall. 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. Ben Glass, on behalf of the Suwannee River Water Management District, presented the Board with the Payment in lieu of Taxes (PILT) check in the amount of \$9,682.99.
3. Commissioner Hall presented a proclamation on Youth's Nutritious Eating.
4. **On motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried (4-0), the consent agenda—consisting of the approval of the agenda, General Fund/Transportation Vouchers, BOCC Minutes for 8/20/2020 and CARES Act Administrative Services Contract for Services—was approved.**
5. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams introduced the SCRAP project for South Main Avenue and went over the bids. FDOT recommended low bidder CW Roberts for the project. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried (4-0), CW Roberts was awarded the project.**
6. Chairman Surles introduced the Canvassing Board item and stated that due to the fact that he and the Supervisor of Elections had opposition in the upcoming electing that two alternates were needed to replace them on the Canvassing Board in November. Chairman Surles recommended Commissioners Hall and Walker. **On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board approved Commissioners Hall and Fulford for the Canvassing Board.**
7. County Attorney Scott Shirley introduced the solar ordinance and did the first reading. Planning Official Shannon Metty also discussed revisions that had been made to the previous version of the ordinance. Commissioner Barfield stated her desire for setbacks to back to the original distances. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board decided to place the setbacks to its prior distances.**
8. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams reminded the Board of the tentative budget hearing on September 10th at 6 pm at the EOC.
9. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated the County has not had a Veterans Affairs liaison since Mr. Bradley (who shared time between Madison and Jefferson Counties). It was the consensus of the Board to move forward with advertising for a new Veterans Affairs liaison that would split time between Jefferson and Madison Counties.
10. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick informed the Board that the County Library would soon be re-opening to the public.
11. County Attorney Scott Shirley reminded the Board that there was also an executive session planned for September 10th at 5 pm.

12. Commissioner Barfield praised the Clerk's Office for finding the score sheets for the RESTORE Act consultant bid in 2018.
13. Chairman Surles stated he would like to see the county have a social media presence with someone providing updates such as the library re-opening, etc.
14. **On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried (4-0), the meeting was adjourned.**

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

J.T. Surles, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kirk Reams, Clerk of Court