

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Regular Session
Emergency Management Operations Center
October 15, 2020
6:00 P.M.

The Board met this date in regular session. Present were Chair 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. Commissioner Walker led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
2. Sheriff Mac McNeill presented a check to the Board in the amount of \$23,537.13 for unused budgetary funds. Property Appraiser Angela Gray stated she would be taking her refund check in the amount of \$7,174 to the Clerk's Office the following day.
3. Chairman Surles requested that two items be added to the agenda: 4e, the Thompson Valley Road repair; 4f, the Canvassing Board alternate. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried (4-0, Hall absent), the consent agenda—consisting of the approval of the agenda as amended, General Fund/Transportation Vouchers, BOCC Minutes for the 9/22/2020 and 10/1/2020 Regular Sessions, 9/10/2020 Tentative Budget Hearing, 9/22/2020 Final Budget Hearing, 10/1/2020 Sole Purpose Meeting, 9/22/2020 Special Meeting and Budget Amendment for Sheriff and Property Appraiser—was approved.**
4. County Attorney Scott Shirley performed the second reading of the Comprehensive Plan Map Change. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried (4-0, Hall absent), the Board approved the Comprehensive Plan.**
5. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams introduced the Jefferson County CARES Act item. David Johosky, with GSG, provided an update on the Phase II funding.
6. Commissioner Barfield introduced the Broadband RFP discussion. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams opened the one bid that was submitted from CenturyLink. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the Board voted to have the bid from CenturyLink taken to the evaluation committee board before determining how to proceed.**
7. Chairman Surles introduced the return to open meetings discussion. County Health Department Director Kim Albritton spoke to the Board and stated she would be providing some input and guidance for re-opening the meetings. It was the consensus of the Board to return to open meetings at the Courthouse Annex on November 5th.
8. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick provided an update on the Thompson Valley Road issue. He stated there was a wash out on the road that needed attention. Anderson Columbia is already in the vicinity for another project and Mr. Barwick recommended they be utilized in an emergency situation since they were already mobilized in the area. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the Board approved moving forward with Anderson Columbia to repair Thompson Valley Road.**

9. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated there was an issue with Property Appraiser Angela Gray serving as the alternate to Commissioner Fulford, as she was already the alternate for Judge Plaines. The issue was a conflict with Commissioner Fulford's schedule, which would prevent him from attending the October 27th meeting. Commissioner Barfield offered to go to the October 27th meeting. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, Commissioner Barfield was selected as the alternate for Commissioner Fulford.**
10. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated the Value Adjustment Board would be meeting Monday, October 19th at 8:30 am.
11. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated the County was about to move forward with a new Veterans Affairs employee that we would be sharing with Madison County.
12. Chairman Surles commended Sheriff McNeill for his pit maneuver the previous day on Interstate 10 that disabled the reckless driver and prevented further injury/property damage.
13. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

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

J.T. Surles, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kirk Reams, Clerk of Court