

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Session

December 3, 2020

6:00 P.M.

The Board met this date in regular session. Present were Chairman Stephen Walker, Commissioners Betsy Barfield, Eugene Hall, JT Surles and Chris Tuten. Also present were County Attorneys Buck Bird and Scott Shirley and Clerk of Court Kirk Reams.

1. Chairman Walker called the meeting order. Chairman Walker then led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
2. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, General Business item d (Committees and Board Assignments) was moved behind item A. On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the consent agenda—consisting of the approval of the agenda as amended and General Fund/Transportation Vouchers—was approved.**
3. Commissioner Hall introduced Veterans Affairs coordinator Alvin Swilley. Mr. Swilley provided an overview of the VA office and noted that Jefferson County does not have a Veterans memorial. He stated it would be nice to have one on the Courthouse grounds, possibly the south side. After discussion, Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated he has seen several memorials that represent each war and recommended a committee to further research the matter. The consensus of the Board was to form a committee consisting of County Coordinator Parrish Barwick, Clerk of Court Kirk Reams, VA Coordinator Alvin Swilley, Sheriff Mac McNeill and Commissioner Chris Tuten.
4. Commissioner Barfield introduced the Committees and Boards assignments item and provided a list of current assignments to the Board. The Board discussed this item and made modifications. **On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the Board approved the modifications to the committee assignments.** Commissioner Barfield stated she would update the list and provide at a future meeting.
5. Commissioner Barfield introduced the Jefferson County Broadband RFP Planning Consultant item. She asked for the Board's permission to work on a 10-year plan to provide broadband to our area. It was the consensus of the Board to allow Commissioner Barfield to work on the plan.
6. Planning Official Shannon Metty gave an update on the Gulf Power projects committee. The Board discussed placing solar panels on the Jefferson County Jail. **On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the Board approved moving forward with the solar panel project at the jail.**
7. Property Appraiser Angela Gray and CARES Act consultant David Jahosky provided an update to the Board on phase II of the CARES funding, which included businesses and payments approved.
8. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

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

Stephen Walker, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kirk Reams, Clerk of Court