

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Session**  
**February 4, 2021**  
**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. Commissioner Hall then led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
2. **On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the consent agenda—consisting of the approval of the agenda, General Fund/Transportation/Road Bond Vouchers and BOCC Regular Session Minutes for 1/21/2021—was approved.**
3. Planning Official Shannon Metty introduced discussion of the homeschool lease of the old Supervisor of Election's Office. **On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the Board approved the lease with noted changes.**
4. **On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the Board awarded Sand County Studios the Wacissa River Park Planning Study.**
5. Attorney Scott Shirley discussed two surplus pieces of property: one at the Industrial Park, the other on Greater Elizabeth Road. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the Board approved for counsel to work with Safe Driver to develop a new lease at the Industrial Park to bring before the Board for approval. On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Greater Elizabeth Road property for surplus.**
6. Planning Official Shannon Metty introduced the stand-by contract for emergency debris removal. **On motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the Board approved the stand-by contract.**
7. Attorney Scott Shirley introduced the Solid Waste Franchise draft item. Tommy Hardy, with Pop's Sanitation, stated they would need five years to recoup their costs and was therefore requesting a five-year contract. It was the consensus of the Board to workshop this item on February 18<sup>th</sup> prior to the Board meeting.
8. Commissioner Tuten introduced the Recreation Park Committee Gulf Power funding requests. **On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the Board approved moving forward with the funding requests.**
9. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick (via phone) introduced the Liberty County support letter. He stated this letter was supporting Liberty County's effort to extract shell rock from Liberty County to take to Apalachicola for oyster beds. Chris Langston, on behalf of Liberty County, addressed the Board and fielded questions. **On motion by**

**Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the Board approved the letter of support.**

10. Commissioner Tuten introduced the recreation park concession stand award item. After discussion, it was determined that the initial bid specs were not detailed enough. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the Board voted to reject all bids and re-bid with more detailed specifications.**
11. Attorney Scott Shirley introduced the temporary use permit item and gave an overview of the issue. He noted that gatherings of more than 50 people have not been approved by the County since COVID-19. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to keep the temporary ban in place but workshop the issues specific to the ballfield on the corner of Highways 59 and 90 before bringing back before the Board in sixty days.
12. Planning Official Shannon Metty informed the Board that the requested building permit report was included in the agenda packet.
13. Attorney Scott Shirley stated there would be an executive session on February 18<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm (prior to the regular session) to discuss the Capital Truck bankruptcy.
14. Commissioner Surles thanked the Recreation Park committee and all involved for moving forward with the project.
15. Commissioner Barfield discussed having a central repository for signed contracts/resolutions.
16. **On motion by Commissioner Tuten, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

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

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Stephen Walker, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Kirk Reams, Clerk of Court