

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Session

February 18, 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 and led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
2. **On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the consent agenda—consisting of the approval of the agenda, General Fund/Transportation/Road Bond Vouchers, Langton Consultants Contract Continuation and SHIP Grant Consultant Contract Agreement—was approved.**
3. County Attorney Scott Shirley introduced the Wacissa River Professional Services agreement. **On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the professional services agreement with Sand County Studios LLC was approved.,**
4. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams introduced the CDBG economic development grant and rural infrastructure grant applications to extend the sewer system south of I-10 from Nash Road to the intersection of Waukeenah Highway and US-19. He gave an overview of this history of the original extension at the interstate interchange and discussed how this would have a positive impact for land- and business owners in the area. Caroline Smith, with Apalachee Regional Planning Council, also addressed the Board and fielded questions related to this project.
5. County Attorney Scott Shirley introduced the Safe Rider lease agreement item. The Board discussed extending the lease for another year and also the possibility of leasing out space not utilized by Safe Rider. It was the consensus of the Board that a lease proposal be brought back to the next meeting.
6. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams gave an update on the upcoming changes at Solid Waste.
7. County Attorney Buck Bird provided an updated timetable for the homeschool group moving into the old Supervisor of Elections building. The new date is April 1, 2021 and a final version of the lease agreement will be brought before the Board at the next meeting.
8. Chairman Walker requested that a 10% increase be given to Planning Official Shannon Metty for additional duties/responsibilities. Commissioner Surles stated it should be backdated to retroactively compensate her for performing these duties.
9. Commissioner Hall inquired if anything was being done to mitigate the water intrusion in the basement of the historic A Building. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated that he had recently submitted a grant to address this issue.
10. Commissioner Barfield asked the Board if they would like to allocate additional funds and re-visit the Recreation Park Director position. Commissioner Tuten stated he felt the current director could do the job if provided administrative support.

11. On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

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

Stephen Walker, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kirk Reams, Clerk of Court