

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Regular Session
March 4, 2021
6:00 P.M.

The Board met this date in regular session. Present were Chairman Stephen Walker, Commissioners 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. Edward Dean discussed services he could provide related to seeking out grants for the County.
3. **On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried (4-0), the consent agenda—consisting of the approval of the agenda, General Fund/Transportation/Road Bond Vouchers and minutes for the 2/4/21 and 2/18/21 regular sessions—was approved.**
4. David Jahosky, with GSG, gave a Powerpoint presentation to the Board that provided an update on the CARES Act.
5. County Attorney Scott Shirley discussed the changes to the proposed Safe Rider lease agreement. After further discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that the lease—with recommended changes—come back before the Board at the next meeting to be signed.
6. Joy Frisby, with the Police Athletic League, discussed a possible lease of the old Jefferson County High School gymnasium. **On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board approved Ms. Frisby working with Gulf Power NextEra Consultants on possible grant opportunities, provided it did not detract from their time/services to the County.**
7. **On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board approved the surplus of the escheated properties.**
8. Finance Director Charles Culp provided an overview of the auditor selection committee item. He noted that Clerk of Court Kirk Reams was not mentioned in the initial emails as part of the committee, but that after speaking with other counties and the auditor general's office, the Clerk of Court should not only be on the committee but also typically functions as Chair. **On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Tuten and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board appointed Chairman Walker as its appointee to the Auditor Selection Committee.**
9. Attorney Scott Shirley introduced a draft of the disposition of surplus lands (real property) policy. **On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board approved the policy with suggested revisions.**

10. Commissioner Surles requested that a voluntary road dedication be placed on the next agenda.

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