

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Session**  
**May 20, 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 passed the gavel to Vice Chair Hall to lead the meeting. Vice Chair Hall led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
2. Jim Snipes and Ashley Hayden-Binder gave a presentation on the Wacissa Park feasibility study.
3. Dr. Temple Robinson, with Bond Community Health, gave a presentation on the different services they provided.
4. Planning Official Shannon Metty requested that an item 4(g), the Division of Emergency Management Mitigation Strategy, be added to the agenda under General Business. **On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Tuten and unanimously carried, the consent agenda—consisting of the approval of the agenda as amended, General Fund/Transportation Vouchers and CDBG Conflict Ranking Bid Group 1—was approved.**
5. Planning Official Shannon Metty introduced the bid award for the Jefferson County Jail re-roof project. **On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Tuten and unanimously carried, low bidder Advanced Roofing was awarded the project at \$76,000.**
6. County Attorney Scott Shirley introduced the Special Exception application for the Winchester property. **After public input and Board discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Tuten and unanimously carried to deny the special exception.** Attorney Shirley stated that Mr. Winchester was not present to present and discuss his application to hold events. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board denied Mr. Winchester’s application to hold events.**
7. Christine Lane, with Langton and Associates, gave a presentation on CDBG-CV community needs and addressed the Board on how Langton could assist with seeking out and applying for grants.
8. Commissioner Barfield provided an update on the broadband issue related to RESTORE Act funds. She stated that CenturyLink does not appear interested in engaging with us and the County needs to begin looking for another vendor. Commissioner Barfield suggested that the amount allocated to the planning phase of this project from RESTORE Act funds be increased to \$150,000. She noted that the County should be receiving these funds in the next 90 days. **On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Tuten and unanimously carried, the Board agreed to increase the amount to \$150,000 for the RFP.**

9. Commissioner Tuten introduced the Road Bond discussion related to the City of Monticello. He stated that he along with Clerk of Court Kirk Reams had met with the City of Monticello and the City was non-committal at this point, but would be workshopping the item on May 27<sup>th</sup>. He stated he would report back to the Board at the June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.
10. Christine Lane, with Langton and Associates, presented the four-factor analysis and language access plan. This plan would have anything put out by Langton be advertised in both English and Spanish. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board approved the plan.**
11. Planning Official Shannon Metty introduced the Division of Emergency Management Local Mitigation Strategy. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick spoke on this item and detailed what it would do for the County. **On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board approved the local mitigation strategy.**
12. Citizen Paul Henry requested information on the additional costs (and/or savings) related to the site closures and additional personnel hired by Solid Waste. He requested to be on a future agenda to discuss.
13. Commissioner Walker expressed some concerns about the Wacissa Park related to dogs not being leashed/monitored.
14. **On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Tuten and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

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

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Stephen Walker, Chairman

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Kirk Reams, Clerk of Court