

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Session
September 2, 2021
6:00 P.M.

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

1. Commissioner Hall called the meeting to order. Commissioner Hall led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
2. **On motion by Commissioner Surlles, second by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the consent agenda—consisting of the approval of agenda, General Fund and Transportation Vouchers—was approved.**
3. Planning Official Shannon Metty (via Zoom) gave an update on the NextEra projects. She noted that they were still in the planning phases of the Rec Park and Energy Conservation projects. She requested the Board move to commit some of the NextEra funds to the project as listed in the handout. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the Board approved committing funds to these projects.**
4. Commissioner Hall opened the second public hearing of the Flood Plain Ordinance. County Attorney Shirley read the ordinance and gave a brief overview. There was no input from the public. **On motion by Commissioner Surlles, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the Board approved the second reading of the ordinance.** Commissioner Hall closed the public hearing.
5. Commissioner Surlles introduced the letter of support to Main Street item. He also introduced local business owners Tom and Victoria Randle. Mrs. Randle is the current president of Main Street. She gave an overview of what Main Street does for the community and local businesses. Mrs. Randle introduced Don Burdick, the newly hired Executive Director of Main Street. Mr. Burdick further discussed the merits of Main Street and his excitement to be in the new position.
6. Citizen Paul Henry addressed the Board regarding the Solid Waste Department. He stated his belief that Solid Waste is inefficient and they are spending more money with the new organizational changes. He asked if the Board would review the documentation he previously submitted.
7. Citizen Charlie Cook addressed the Board again regarding CenturyLink's poor internet connectivity requested the Board have a representative from their agency attend a future meeting.
8. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams gave an update on multiple grants. He stated the bridge SCOP on Boston Highway was underway and that the Waukeelah Highway bridge was the next bridge project tabbed for the County. He also gave an update on the road paving grants being reviewed by FDOT and discussed the current FRDAP grant for the horse arena as well as a future one he was applying for. He also discussed a grant opportunity for the A Building.
9. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams reminded the Board about scheduling a time with City Officials to tour the Trulieve facility. Two potential time/dates were prior the next regular board sessions at 4 pm.

10. Clerk of Court Reams also reminded the Board of the tentative budget hearing on September 16th at 5:30 and the final budget hearing on September 28th at 6 pm.
11. Clerk of Court Reams provided an update on the meeting earlier in the day with Representative Jason Shoaf and asked the Board to compile its legislative priorities.
12. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick gave an update on Road Department operations and stated some of the work needed has been stalled due to wet weather conditions.
13. Commissioner Tuten inquired about the status of reviewing applicants and interviewing for the soon-to-be-vacated Solid Waste Director position. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated this process was underway.
14. Commissioner Surles asked County Coordinator Barwick to look into the possibility or need for a boom mower for the Road Department.
15. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

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Jefferson County, Florida**

Stephen Walker, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kirk Reams, Clerk of Court