

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Session

August 19, 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 to order. Commissioner Hall led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
2. Alan Amidom, with Florida State University Recreation Department, gave a PowerPoint presentation on different suggestions for our parks and recreation.
3. Citizen Charlie Cook addressed the Board regarding his poor internet service. He requested that a representative from CenturyLink attend a future meeting to address the Board and field questions. Commissioner Surles stated he would reach out to a contact at CenturyLink to see if someone could attend a future meeting.
4. **On motion by Commissioner Surles, second by Commissioner Tuten and unanimously carried, the consent agenda—consisting of the approval of agenda, General Fund and Transportation Vouchers and Minutes from the July 15th, 2021 Regular Session—was approved.**
5. Commissioner Tuten gave an update on the Recreation Park. He presented recommendations from the Rec Park Board for discussion. **On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the Board approved the recommendations.**
6. David Jahosky with GSG addressed the Board regarding the American Rescue implementation plan and noted key dates and reporting that would be performed as necessary.
7. Commissioner Tuten introduced the cattle gap item for Pete Brown Road. The Board discussed the cost for the cattle gap. Richard Connell, with G*FAST, stated he could provide materials and installation of the cattle gap at no cost to the county. The consensus of the Board was to let Mr. Connell proceed.
8. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams introduced the Road Bond Road List item. He stated the list had been sent to all Commissioners for review. Commissioner Surles provided several roads to be included on the list. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Tuten and unanimously carried, the Board approved the road list with the additions from Commissioner Surles.**
9. Commissioner Tuten introduced the Florida Jobs Growth Grant Resolution. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams explained that the resolution was in the support of the City of Monticello, who had applied for this grant. **On motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the Board approved the resolution.**
10. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick presented the SHIP annual report to the Board. **On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the Board approved the annual report.**

11. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams introduced a possible RFQ for architectural services. He noted several items recently such as the jail roof and water intrusion where an architect on retainer would have been beneficial. He requested the Board put together a committee to draft an RFQ for architectural services. **On motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the Board approved moving forward.**
12. Chairman Walker opened up the public hearing for the second and final hearing of the temporary use permit, ordinance no. 2021-081321-01. County Attorney Scott Shirley provided an overview of the permit. On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the Board approved the temporary use permit. Chairman Walker closed the public hearing on this matter.
13. Chairman Walker opened up the public hearing for the first hearing of the Flood Ordinance Language update, ordinance no. 2021-090221-01. Attorney Scott Shirley read the ordinance and provided an overview. The Board provided input to Mr. Shirley and made several modifications to the update. On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the Board approved the modifications and set the second hearing for the next meeting. Chairman Walker closed the public hearing.
14. County Coordinator presented the County EMS grant resolution. On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the Board approved the grant resolution.
15. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams announced that the SCRAP/SCOP/CIGP updates would be forthcoming from FDOT and he would be providing information to the Board at a future meeting. He also noted that the county's subsequent request for SCRAP/SCOP/CIGP would need to be vetted and sent to FDOT prior to the end of the calendar year in order to have it prioritized and funded in the next legislative session.
16. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams read Supervisor of Elections Marty Bishop's retirement letter.
17. County Attorney Scott Shirley stated that the Legislature may try to make changes to the statewide solar ordinance in the next session, which could impact our local ordinances.
18. Commissioner Surles recommended the Board put something together for Mr. Bishop's years of service to Jefferson County.
19. Commissioner Tuten read a letter to the Board regarding the bullying of County staff.
20. **On motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

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

Stephen Walker, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kirk Reams, Clerk of Court