

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Regular Session
October 21, 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, Clerk of Court Kirk Reams, County Coordinator Parrish Barwick and Planning Official Shannon Metty.

1. Chairman Walker called the meeting to order and Commissioner Hall led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
2. Jefferson County Property Appraiser Angela Gray remitted back to the Board \$39,672.96 which was their offices unspent portion of their County Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget,
3. Chair Walker introduced the consent agenda consisting of the General Fund and Transportation Fund vouchers. **On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Consent Agenda.**
4. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams introduced item 4a which consisted of three issues, the \$9,000 Florida Rural Water feasibility study, \$5,000 Ducks Unlimited donation and \$5,000 Jefferson County Republican Party Sponsorship for an event in which Governor Ron DeSantis was speaking in Jefferson County. Clerk Reams began by explaining to the Board the importance, reason and benefit for the feasibility study concerning the Florida Rural Water Association. Due to time constraints, the feasibility study was not approved by the Board nor was it presented to the Board after the study was complete, although the FDEP as part of the Grant will be paying for the study. Board Attorney Scott Shirley then introduced the donation/sponsorship issue. Attorney Shirley explained that the Board had no authority to dictate to the Clerk of Court how to spend his budget since the Clerk's Office was a Constitutionally elected function and is not under the purview of the Board of County Commission. Clerk Reams then read a statement concerning this expenditure item. There was no vote, this was for informational purposes only.
5. Commissioner Tuten introduced the Aucilla Shores Road Discussion. He indicated that they were trying to determine how to most effectively and efficiently maintain some of their non-paved roads. There was no vote, this was for informational purposes only.
6. Commissioner Walker opened up the public hearing for the first read on the Small Scale Comprehensive Map Change on Nash Road in Lamont. Planning Official, Shannon Metty discussed the proposed request and determined it met the criteria for the Board's approval. After opening the meeting up for public discussion, Chair Walker closed the public hearing. **On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the Board approved moving forward to the next public meeting and second reading of the proposed Small Scale Comprehensive Map Change.**
7. Commissioner Walker opened up the public hearing for the first read on the additions to the County's Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The additions include verbiage for private

property rights. Planning Official Metty discussed the changes. After opening the meeting up for public discussion, Chair Walker closed the public hearing. **On motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Tuten and unanimously carried, the Board approved moving forward to the next public meeting and second reading of the proposed changes to the County's Comprehensive Land Use Plan.**

8. Jefferson County Coordinator Parrish Barwick introduced the discussion on the Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency Inter-local Agreement. **On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Tuten and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Interlocal Agreement.**
9. Jefferson County Attorney, Scott Shirley introduced the discussion on the letter of engagement for consulting services for the Goose Pasture Limestone Mine. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the Board approved the contract for consulting services.**
10. Clerk Reams introduced the discussion concerning the County's upcoming Legislative Priority List. Clerk Reams indicated the Board would soon need to determine what their number one priority will be. As of right now, it would be between additions to the County Agriculture/Rodeo Center or beginning a second County Industrial Park. There was no vote, this was for informational purposes only.
11. Citizen Paul Henry inquired to the Board who has been selected to be the new Solid Waste Director.
12. Citizen Brenda Sorenson of Main Street cleared up any prior confusion when she made the Board aware that her Main Street organization held the current lease of the Old Jail and prior Supervisor of Elections building.
13. Clerk Reams gave the Board an update on the current and proposed SCOP and SCRAP agreements with the Florida Department of Transportation.
14. Commissioner Barfield asked Clerk Reams if he would agree to a forensic audit of his County appropriated funds. He agreed as long as the Commission was part of this audit as well.
15. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, 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