

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

1. Chairman Walker called the meeting to order and led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
2. Jefferson County Sheriff Mac McNeill presented the County Commission with a check for \$94,288.62 for their offices unused portion of their CFY 20-21 budgeted funds.
3. Clerk of Court, Kirk Reams requested that item 4e, BOCC Independent CFO Discussion be moved to item 4b. **On a motion by Commissioner Surles and seconded by Commissioner Tuten and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Consent Agenda and General Business items with the proposed changes.**
4. Commissioner Walker introduced item 4a, the Passing of the Gavel. **On motion by Commissioner Surles and seconded by Commissioner Tuten and unanimously carried, the Board elected Commissioner Gene Hall as the Chair of the Jefferson County Board of County Commission for the next year. On a motion by Commissioner Surles and seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the Board elected Commissioner Betsy Barfield as the Vice Chair.**
5. Clerk of Court, Kirk Reams introduced item 4b, the BOCC Independent CFO Discussion. Clerk Reams gave a brief summation and history of the Statutorily required duties of his office which include reviewing and approving each expenditure item that is made by the County. Clerk Reams indicated that he was not sure what specifically item 4b entailed, but indicated that if it were the Boards desire, he would stop performing any work functions for them that were not Statutorily required. Clerk Reams requested and described 4 separate work functions that he wanted the Board to vote on to determine if they wanted his office to continue performing them or would they prefer to hire a staff to do them under their direct purview. 1. Payment of Board invoices. 2. Managing Board Insurance lines. 3. Human Resources and Payroll for the Board. 4. Financial statement preparation. **On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board requested that the Clerk of Court's Office continue performing the 4 functions previously described.**
6. There was no one present to give a RESTORE project update.
7. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick introduced the Legislative Priority List item. He indicated the Board needed to determine what would be their number one priority for the upcoming Legislative session in order to get that information to our County's Legislative delegation of State Representative Shoaf and Senator Ausley. **On a motion by Commissioner Surles and seconded by commissioner Tuten and unanimously**

carried, the Board requested that a new Industrial Park was going to be our County's number one priority for the upcoming Legislative session.

8. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick introduced the NextEra remaining funds discussion. After discussion, **a motion was made by Commissioner Surles and seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the remaining funds would be directed towards the Waukeelah Broadband project and the Jefferson County recreational park upgrades. Commissioner Surles also indicated that he would like to see an update on these funds and status of each project at each Board meeting.**
9. Citizen Paul Henry wanted to recognize the Sheriff and Property Appraisers Office for remitting unused County Fiscal Year 2020-2021 funds back to the Board.
10. Commissioner Surles asked County Coordinator Barwick what the status of the proceeds of the new road bond being disbursed was and he indicated he would have to follow up on that item. He also reiterated that he would like to see the status of the NextEra project at each Board meeting moving forward.
11. Chair Hall wanted to thank the Board and everyone that assisted with basketball court project at the MLK center even though the project was not brought to fruition. Chair Hall also directed Coordinator Barwick to make sure that any entity that received a grant from the Board needs to make sure they file their year-end spending report.
12. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

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

Gene Hall, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kirk Reams, Clerk of Court