

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Regular Session
March 17, 2022
6:00 P.M.

The Board met this date in regular session. Present were Chairman Gene Hall, Commissioners Betsy Barfield, JT Surles, Chris Tuten and Commissioner Walker was present via telephone. 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 Hall called the meeting to order and Commissioner Tuten led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
2. Commissioner Barfield introduced the new District 4 planning Commissioner, Jessica Land who introduced herself.
3. Solid Waste Director Robbie Slack gave an operation update on hos Department to the Board.
4. Citizen Richard Connell addressed the Board and stated that he felt they should establish an A-Building Committee to see the project to completion.
5. Katrina Richardson requested that Commissioner Tuten be on the Chamber of Commerce Board. It was the consensus of the Board for Commissioner Tuten to represent them.
6. Sheriff McNeill stated that he procured a grant to help with law enforcement salaries.
7. **On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Tuten and unanimously carried, the consent agenda, consisting of General Fund and Transportation Fund Vouchers, the SHIP House Change Order Recommendation and the approval of the District 4 planning Commission appointee, were unanimously approved. Also, the draft Minutes from the February 17, 2022 regular session were taken off the consent agenda and item 4d, the Planning Department Projects Updates was moved to be item 4a. Also, the FDOT contract addendum to the Lake Road project was added to General Business as item 4b.**
8. Planning Official Shannon Metty introduced item 4a, the Planning Department Projects Update. The planning department approved the Dollar General project in Lloyd. Also, two projects have been submitted but were incomplete, they will be brought back to the Board at the next meeting.
9. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams introduced item 4b, the FDOT Lake Road project update and modifications. **On a motion by Commissioner Surles seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the Board approved the changes to the agreement and to continue moving forward with the project.**
10. Planning Official Shannon Metty introduced item 4c, the amendment to the planning fee schedule. The Board discussed the feasibility of hiring an outside planning consultant to assist with the workload. **On a motion by Commissioner Barfield and seconded by**

Commissioner Tuten and unanimously carried, the Board approved staff moving forward with procuring a planning consultant.

10. Commissioner Barfield introduced item 4d, the forensic audit recommendation. She indicated that she had chosen Thomas Howell Ferguson as the potential audit firm. Clerk of Court Attorney, Scott Snavely indicated that the Board did not have the legal authority to authorize this audit on a Constitutional Office. Board Attorney, Scott Shirley indicated tabling this item until the legality of this issue had been cleared up. **On a motion by Commissioner Barfield and seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board approved moving forward.**
11. Planning Official Shannon Metty introduced item 4e, the NextEra remaining funds update. She gave an update on the Next Era projects, their cost and the remaining funds.
12. Commissioner Barfield introduced item 4f, the County Engineering RFP. She had several changes and it was the consensus of the Board to move forward and to bring the updated draft to the next Board meeting.
13. County Coordinator, Parrish Barwick introduced item 4g, the County Attorney RFP. Commissioner Barfield had some revision and it was the consensus of the board to have an updated draft to review at the next Board meeting.
14. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick introduced item 4h, the RFP for a Budget Officer. Commissioner Barfield had revisions and it was the consensus of the Board to bring back an updated draft to the next Board meeting.
15. Commissioner Barfield introduced item 4i, the Broadband-GSG report and consultant RFQ. After discussion, **on a motion by Commissioner Barfield and seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously passed, the Board approved rejecting all current bids and to allow Tri-County to manage the project.**
16. Planning Official Shannon Metty gave an update on the jail roof project.
17. Commissioner Barfield directed County Coordinator Parrish Barwick to get with the Historical Preservation and inquire about a \$500,000 grant for A-Building renovations. She also inquired about the status of several county policies.
18. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, 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