

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Session**  
**April 7, 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 led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
2. New Monticello City Manager Seth Lawless introduced himself to the County Commission.
3. Julius Hackett gave an update on the potential Tri County Co-Op broadband services. He discussed how this low cost, high speed internet service could really benefit and enhance our citizen's internet services.
4. Several Comcast employees discussed with the Board the potential high speed internet services that they may be able to provide in the future with some potential grant funding.
5. Kimberly Allbritton from the Jefferson County Health Department asked the Board to approve the proclamation to make this week Jefferson County's National Health Week. She also gave an update on the services that their employees provided.
6. **On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the consent agenda, consisting of General Fund and Transportation Fund Vouchers, and the monthly financial report were unanimously approved.**
7. County Attorney Scott Shirley introduced item 4a the Noise Ordinance Final Approval. After public discussion **on a motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the Board approved the attached noise ordinance.**
8. David Fox from Fred Fox Enterprises, Inc introduced item 4b, which was the changes and bid awards for the CDBG Housing Grant. There were 4 items to be discussed and decided on. Item #1 was for 2 CDBG change orders **and on a motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried the Board approved the proposed changes to 295 Jefferson Heights Road and 501 Bulger Road.**
9. The second CDBG item recommended FLA Homes as the contractor for the project at 107 East 1<sup>st</sup> Ct in Greenville Florida, **on a motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the Board awarded the contract to FLA Homes.**

10. The third CDBG item recommended FLA Homes as the contractor for the Asbestos Abatement and Home Rehabilitation for the project at 154 (Lloyd) Subdivision Road. **On a motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the Board approved FLA Homes as the contractor for the project.**
10. The Fourth CDGB item recommended FLA Homes as the contractor for the project at 194 Tin Top Road. **On a motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the Board approved FLA Homes as the contractor for the project.**
11. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick introduced item 4c, which was a general discussion on the A-Building improvements project and what grant type possibilities may be available in the in the future to help complete the project.
12. Commissioner Tuten introduced item 4d which was the Policy on the signature stamp. **On a motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board decided to eliminate the signature stamp by the Board Chair on checks and begin to sign each check individually.**
13. Chair Hall introduced item 4e, which was the Thomas Howell Ferguson audit Letter of Engagement. After Clerk of Court, Kirk Reams read a brief statement, Commissioner Tuten asked for his resignation. He then asked County Attorney, Scott Shirley to draft a letter to the Governor's Office to which Attorney Shirley indicated that he would need to research the issue to determine if there was a basis for the letter.
14. Chair Hall introduced item 4f which was the Cyber Security Contingency plan. Chair Hall requested that we defer this topic until a future meeting.
15. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick discussed the Board's Contingency reserve and how it could/would be used to pay for the Thomas Howell Ferguson audit and Jail project.
16. County Attorney, Scott Shirley indicated that he would like to have an Executive Session on 4/21 at 5:00 prior to the next Commission Meeting concerning the Economic Committee.
17. Commissioner Barfield asked Coordinator Barwick about the RFPS's for the County Engineer and Attorney as well as the status concerning updates to the County Travel Policy.
18. Commissioner Tuten suggested and the Board agreed that the salary for the County Budget Officer would be approximately \$60,000 annually.
19. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

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

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Gene Hall, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Kirk Reams, Clerk of Court