

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Session**  
**June 2, 2022**  
**6:00 P.M.**

The Board met this date in regular session. Present were Chairman Gene Hall, Commissioners Stephen Walker, Chris Tuten, JT Surlles and Betsy Barfield. Also present were County Attorney's Scott Shirley and Buck Bird and Interim County Coordinator and Planning Official Shannon Metty.

1. Chairman Hall called the meeting to order and led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
2. Commissioner Surlles made an announcement that Jefferson County resident Elizabeth Hightower was competing this evening at the Women's College World Series in Oklahoma City for the University of Florida Gators.
3. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Surlles and unanimously carried, the consent agenda was amended adding item F, which was MR Construction finishing the concession stand at the Rec. Park. On a motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Surlles and unanimously carried, the consent agenda, consisting of minutes from the April 26<sup>th</sup> and May 19<sup>th</sup> Board meetings, General Fund Vouchers, Transportation Fund Vouchers, Commissioners Report, Closeout of the Bishop Building at the Industrial Park, Homeschool Lease Renewal and MR Construction finishing the concession stand project at the Rec, Park were approved.**
4. Planning Official Shannon Metty discussed item 4a, The County Engineer and Attorney RFP evaluation, scoring and recommended award. **On a motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and unanimously carried, the Board approved Neighbors, Giblin & Nickerson as the County Attorney.** After discussion concerning the Attorney's proposed rate for services, **Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Surlles, and unanimously carried, the Board agreed to go with a \$140,000 flat rate plan on a 6-month trial bases. On a motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and unanimously carried, the Board approved AE Engineers, Southeast Engineering and MLD Architects as the three County Engineers.**
5. Chairman Hall opened up the public meeting on item 4b, the Non Ad-Valorem Special Initial Assessment Resolution for Casa Bianca Road. County Attorney, Scott Shirley gave an initial description of the attached Resolution. The Board then gave time for public comment. **On a motion by Commissioner Surlles, seconded by Commissioner Barfield, and unanimously carried, the Board closed the public hearing. The Board then by consensus decided to have a special meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup> to move forward with the project.**
6. Chairman Hall opened up the public meeting on item 4c, the Non Ad-Valorem Special Initial Assessment Resolution for Aucilla Shores Area Neighborhoods. County Attorney, Scott Shirley gave an initial description of the attached Resolution. The Board then gave time for public comment. **On a motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by**

**Commissioner Surles, and unanimously carried, the Board closed the public hearing. The Board then by consensus decided to have a special meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup> to move forward with the project.**

7. Planning Official, Shannon Metty introduced item 4d, the NextEra Remaining Funds Update. After discussing current expenditure activities, **on a motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and unanimously carried, the Board unanimously approved earmarking \$500,000.00 of these funds for the County Broadband project.**
8. Planning Official, Shannon Metty introduced item 4e, Cyber Security. Planning Official Metty asked that we push this item until the next Board meeting to gather additional information.
9. Commissioner Tuten introduced item 4f, New Board Business, the County/City Sewer project on US Highway 19. By consensus, the Board agreed to hold a workshop at 5:00 p.m. on June 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss draft language requirements for the sewer hookup project on US Highway 19.
10. County Attorney, Scott Shirley stated that he felt the Board made a great decision in hiring Neighbors, Giblin & Nickerson as the County Attorneys. He indicated that he has worked with them in the past and felt that they would do a good job. County Attorney, Buck Bird gave an update on the sale of the property in the County Industrial Park to Glenn Bishop.
11. Commissioner Walker asked about the County Fiscal year 2022-2023 budget and Shannon Metty provided an update.
12. **On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

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

---

Gene Hall, Chairman

ATTEST:

---

Kirk Reams, Clerk of Court