

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Session**  
**October 20, 2022**  
**6:00 P.M.**

The Board met this date in regular session. Present were Chairman Gene Hall, Commissioners Stephen Walker, Chris Tuten, Betsy Barfield and JT Surles. Also present were Clerk of Court, Kirk Reams, County Attorney Evan Rosenthal and Interim County Manager and Planning Official Shannon Metty.

1. Chairman Hall called the meeting to order and Commissioner Walker led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
2. Sheriff Mac McNeill requested an amendment to his current year budget of \$387,913.77 which are essentially unspent prior year funds that are earmarked for expenditures crossing over fiscal years. Sheriff McNeill also let the Board know that he was returning prior year excess funds of \$83,178.10.
3. **Commissioner Barfield requested that General Business item 6h, the Local Technology Planning Committee, be moved up after item 6d in order to allow her to participate as she was leaving early. On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Consent Agenda consisting of the List of Accounts Report, the Commissioners Report, the Voucher List Report and the Sheriff Department's Budget Amendment. This also included moving item 6h forward on the agenda in order to allow Commissioner Barfield to participate.**
4. Commissioner Tuten introduced item 6a, the Comcast Broadband Discussion. **On a motion by Commissioner Tuten, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the Board approved contracting and allocating the entire amount of this project with Tri-County and not with both Tri-County and Comcast as they had originally discussed.**
5. County Manager, Shannon Metty introduced item 6b, the 300 Industrial Park Drive surplus options. After much discussion, **on a motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Tuten and unanimously carried, the Board approved extending the Lease with Pops Sanitation for 6 months and giving them the first right of refusal to purchase the property.**
6. County external auditor Chris Moran introduced item 6c, the CFY 2020-2021 County Audit Presentation and answered questions from Commissioners.
7. Commissioner Barfield introduced item 6d, the Forensic Audit Presentation. After general discussion there were no action items taken on this agenda item.
8. County Attorney Rosenthal introduced item 6e, the Local Technology Planning Committee and its Resolution. After discussion, Commissioner Barfield requested to add Marian Denney and Nick Prine to the Committee. **On a motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board**

**approved the attached Resolution with the two new additions mentioned earlier to the Committee.**

9. County Attorney Rosenthal introduced item 6f, the Approval of Engagement with Smith & Moran for Auditing Services. **On a motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board approved the attached Letter of Engagement.**
10. Chairman Hall opened the public hearing for item 6g, the County Manager Ordinance. After time for public comments **on a motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board closed the public meeting. Then on a motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board approved moving forward with the attached County Manager Ordinance.**
11. County Attorney Rosenthal introduced item 6h, the NOI – Uniform Method of Collecting Non-Ad Valorem Assessments. **On a motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board approved moving forward with the attached Resolution.**
12. Chairman Hall introduced item 6i, Employee Recognition. He stated that he would like to have an employee luncheon to thank them for the good job that they do. The County Attorneys are looking into the various ways this can be facilitated and it will come back to a later meeting.
13. Interim County Manager, Shannon Metty introduced item 6j, the Sprayfield Improvements. After discussion, **on a motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the attached Agreement and Resolution.**
14. The County Engineer gave an update on the Lake Road Resurfacing project as well as the County Road 146 agreement. **On a motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board approved moving forward with the County Road 146 Agreement.**
15. Interim County Manager let the Board know they sent flowers on behalf of County employee Virgil Joyner, she gave an update on the County's Recreation Park improvements project, she informed the Board that John Lilly would be taking youth to Quincy for a 4-H event and that the City was ready to move forward and receive their portion of the 2022 Road Bond proceeds.
16. **On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Walker 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