

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Regular Session
March 16, 2023
6:00 P.M.

The Board met this date in regular session. Present were Chairman Chris Tuten, Commissioners Gene Hall, Austin Hosford, Stephen Walker and JT Surlles. Also present were County Manager Shannon Metty and our County Attorney.

1. Chairman Tuten called the meeting to order.
2. **On a motion made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Surlles, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Consent Agenda consisting of the attached vouchers to be paid, the account list, the Commissioners report, the minutes from the February 16th regular session BCC meeting, the Emergency Approval – Contingency Payment and the attached SCRAP/SCOP/CIGP Resolutions (Ashville Highway, Aucilla Bridge, Boston Highway, Cook Road, Old Lloyd Road and Turney Anderson Road).**
3. The County Manager, Shannon Metty introduced item 6a, Ridge Road Assessment Update/Options. After much discussion from the audience and Board concerning the rising cost of materials for road work, **on a motion by Commissioner Surlles, seconded by Commissioner Hosford, the Board unanimously approved three options for the home and land owners to take back to their Association. They were: issue refunds, move forward with the current proposal with adjusted prices and fees or come up with a reduced costs and work assessment that would be suitable to the Association. Once the Association determines how it would like to proceed, the issue can come back before the Board.**
4. County Manager, Shannon Metty introduced item 6b, Letter of Opposition to House Bill 1197 Removing Home Rule Authority Regarding Water Management. **On a motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Hosford, and unanimously carried, the Board approved for Chairman Tuten to draft a letter of opposition.**
5. The County Attorney introduced item 6c, Flock License Plate Reader Camera Agreement. The County Attorney advised for the County to procure the readers by stating that the vendor was a sole source instead of going through a competitive procurement process. **On a motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Surlles, and unanimously carried, the Board approved moving forward as the County Attorney advised.**
6. County Manager Metty introduced item 6d, Affordable Housing Advisory Committee. After much discussion, several citizens were tentatively added, pending their acceptance. **On a motion by Commissioner Surlles, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Committee with the changes, pending the acceptance of each of the newly proposed members.**
7. County Manager Metty introduced item 6e, Second Harvest MOU. **On a motion by Commissioner Surlles, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the attached Cover Letter and MOU.**

8. The County Engineer gave an update on their current projects.
9. Manager, Shannon Metty gave an update on upcoming planning meetings as well as the hiring process for the County Budget Officer position.
10. Commissioner Hosford wanted the Board to start thinking about if the County expanded taking over new neighborhood road projects, how may this affect the county budget and the potential need for new FTE's in the Road Department.
11. **On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Hosford, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

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

Chris Tuten, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kirk Reams, Clerk of Court