

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Regular Session
May 4, 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 Clerk of Court Kirk Reams, County Manager Shannon Metty and our County Attorneys.

1. Chairman Tuten called the meeting to order and guest pastor Hollingsworth led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
2. Commissioner Hall read the American Legion Proclamation.
3. **A motion was made by Commissioner Hall, 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 April 20th regular BCC meeting, the minutes from the April 6th BCC Solar Ordinance Workshop and the Early Learning Coalition Support.**
4. Kurt Spitzer of KSA Governmental Consultants introduced item 5a, the Redistricting Presentation. He gave a presentation where he discussed the attached two different proposals. **On a motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Hosford, the Board unanimously approved moving forward with Proposal #2.**
5. County Attorney Heather Encinosa introduced item 5b, NGN Contract. After discussion concerning how many years to contract with them for legal services **a motion was made by Commissioner Surlles, seconded by Commissioner Hosford, the Board unanimously approved moving forward with a one-year contract extension.**
6. County Attorney Encinosa introduced item 5c, Revised Travel Policy. After Board discussion it was decided that the County P-Cards could not be used for purchasing food and beverages while traveling. Also, the per diem and meal allowance rates were discussed. The County Attorney's updated draft policy had increased both the per diem rate and meal allowance rates. **A motion was made by Commissioner Hosford to move the County per diem and meal allowance rates to what the current State of Florida's rates are. This motion died without a second. Then a motion was made by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and passed 4 to 1 (Hosford voted against having rates higher than the State of Florida's) to keep the County per diem rate and meal allowance rates as they currently are.**
7. County Manager, Shannon Metty introduced item 5d, 2023 Budget Calendar. This was for informational purposes only.
8. County Attorney Encinosa introduced item 5e, Big Bend Transit Subrecipient Agreement. No action was taken as the County needs to investigate "other" costs associated with accepting and managing this grant.
9. The County Engineer gave an update on their road projects.

10. County Manager Metty requested authority from the Board to use budgeted Contingency Funds for AC work at the County Extension and Public Defenders Office. **On a motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Surles, the Board unanimously approved this request.**
11. County Manager Metty also indicated that for the next BCC Regular Session meeting on May 18th, several Commissioners appear to have scheduling conflicts. **On a motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Hosford, the Board unanimously approved having the BCC Regular Session meeting at 9:00 AM on May 18th.**
12. Commissioner Surles brought to the Board's attention that they may have potentially overstepped their boundaries and intentions with some of the stipulations in the County's draft Solar Ordinance. Therefore, he wants to work with the County Engineers to revise some of the current verbiage in the draft Ordinance prior to bringing back to the Board for their review, revisions and approval.
13. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, 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