

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Session**  
**May 26, 2023**  
**9:00 A.M.**

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

1. Chairman Tuten called the meeting to order and Commissioner Walker led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
2. **A motion was made by Commissioner Surlles, seconded by Commissioner Walker, 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 6<sup>th</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup> regular session BCC meetings, the attached CDBG change order(s) and they moved item 4d (Request to Advertise Ordinance Amending the Tourist Development Tax) to the General Business section and made it item 5c for further discussion.**
3. County Attorney Heather Encinosa introduced item 5a, the Big Bend Transit Subrecipient Agreement. **On a motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Surlles, the Board unanimously approved the attached agreement.**
4. County Attorney Heather Encinosa introduced item 5b, the Ridge Road Repeal. **On a motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Surlles, the Board unanimously approved moving forward with the attached repeal and refunding the residents money in a timely manner.**
5. Commissioner Surlles introduced item 5c, Request to Advertise Amending the Tourist Development Tax Ordinance. After much discussion, **a motion was made by Commissioner Surlles to not move forward or advertise this proposed County Tourist Tax increase. This motion died without a second. Next a motion was made by Commissioner Hosford, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and passed 3 to 1 (Commissioner Surlles being the dissenting vote) for this proposed additional Tourist Tax to be advertised and publicly discussed.**
6. County Manager, Shannon Metty gave the Board a brief update on the A-Building and let the Commissioners know that she would be sending them a schedule detailing all of the meetings and budget workshops coming up in the month of June.
7. Commissioner Surlles asked County Manager Metty if she could get with the Clerk's Office and bring back a summary of the A-Buildings project history and potential estimates of when the project may be completed.
8. **On motion by Commissioner Surlles, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

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

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Chris Tuten, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Kirk Reams, Clerk of Court