

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Regular Session
Thursday, December 18, 2025
6:00 PM

The Board met on this date in Regular Session. Chairman Ben White, Commissioners Austin Hosford, Jessica Gramling, and Gene Hall were present. County Manager Shannon Metty, Clerk of Court Trey Hightower, and County Attorney Evan Rosenthal were also present.

The Board met in regular session, approving the agenda and consent agenda by unanimous vote and receiving a brief public announcement regarding a commissioner's absence. During citizens' input, questions were raised about code enforcement staffing. In general business, the Board unanimously approved the Southern Group as the County's lobbyist following the RFP process, heard a discussion from Senior Center representatives regarding programming and the County's \$30,000 budget contribution without taking formal action, and unanimously approved a slate of committee appointments. The Clerk of Court and County Attorney extended holiday well wishes, commissioners discussed celebrating the County's 250th birthday, and the meeting concluded with a unanimous vote to adjourn.

- 1. Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance (00:00:09)**
- 2. Approval of the Agenda (00:00:54)**
 - a. Commissioner Hosford motions to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously passed by the board.**
- 3. Public Announcements, Presentations & Awards (00:01:18)**
 - a. Shannon Metty states on Commissioner Surles' behalf his regret for not being in attendance.
- 4. Citizens Request & Input on Non-Agenda Items (00:01:57)**
 - a. Cindy Forehand asks questions regarding code enforcement, including the number of officers employed.
- 5. Consent Agenda (00:03:30)**
 - a. Commissioner Hosford motions to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Gramling and unanimously passed by the board.**
- 6. General Business (00:03:54)**
 - a. Lobbyist Award (00:03:54)**
 - i. Shannon Metty states that her office received four applications in response to the lobbyist RFP. Upon review, the committee decided on the Southern Group as their recommendation due to a thorough application packet and large clientele.
 - ii. Commissioner Hosford motions to approve the Southern Group as the lobbyist recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously passed by the board.**
 - b. Senior Center Discussion (00:05:07)**
 - i. Shannon Metty introduces representatives from the Senior Center, reminding the board of the budget contribution of \$30,000 for senior center activities.

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- ii. Citizens to be Heard: Sandra Saunders, Clarence Mays, Lisa Bretz
- iii. No formal vote taken.
- c. **Committee Appointments (00:39:07)**
 - i. Shannon Metty introduces the first committee appointment, Apalachee Regional Planning Council. Commissioner Gramling is the current representative and will remain on the board as status quo.
 - ii. Commissioner Gramling is the representative for the Aucilla Area Solid Waste Governing Board, with Commissioner Surles as the alternate.
 - iii. Commissioner White is the representative on the Chamber Board. Commissioner Hosford states his belief that the Chamber and TDC representative should be the same person. He will also remain on the community safety traffic team.
 - iv. Commissioner Gramling is the representative of the Gulf Consortium with Shannon Metty as her alternate.
 - v. Commissioner Surles is the representative of the Jefferson County Transportation disadvantage board with Shannon Metty as his alternate.
 - vi. Commissioner Hall is the representative of the North Florida Economic Development Partnership with a former employee listed as the current alternate. The Deputy County Manager, Ron Russo, is proposed as an alternate.
 - vii. Commissioner Gramling is the representative of the North Florida Workforce Consortium.
 - viii. Commissioner White is the representative for the USDA NRCS local working group. He is also on the small county coalition, with Commissioner Hall on the small county coalition #2.
 - ix. An appointee is needed for the Affordable Housing provider.
 - x. Commissioner White is the Tourist Development Council as he is the chair.
 - xi. **Commissioner Gramling motions to approve the Committee Appointments, seconded by Commissioner Hosford and unanimously approved by the board.**
- 7. **Clerk of Courts (00:45:43)**
 - a. Wishes the board a Merry Christmas.
- 8. **County Engineer (00:46:08)**
- 9. **County Attorney (00:46:10)**
 - a. Wishes the board a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
- 10. **County Manager (00:46:14)**
- 11. **County Commissioners (00:46:21)**
 - a. Commissioner Gramling would like to celebrate the county's 250th birthday and asks the board for suggestions.

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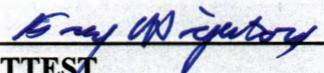
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- b. Chairman Hosford brings attention to Whippoorwill Hill deeds and Montivilla reconstruction.

12. Adjourn

- a. **Commissioner Hosford motions to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously passed by the board.**



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Cecil Trey Hightower
Clerk of the Circuit Court



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Ben White
Chairman