

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
April 2, 2009

The Board met this date in Regular Session. Present were Chairman Eugene Hall, Commissioners Hines Boyd, Stephen Fulford, Felix "Skeet" Joyner and Danny Monroe III. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher, Clerk of Court Kirk Reams, and County Attorney T. Buckingham Bird.

1. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and unanimously carried, the minutes from the March 19, 2009 regular session were approved with changes (FEMA changed to NRCS in item #2).
2. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented the County Coordinator's Report to the Board, consisting of a request from Aucilla Shores Homeowner's Association and a request to reduce landfill and fire assessment by 50% for a particular piece of property.
3. Citizens Wendy Moss and Rick Watson requested the Board to allow the Road Department to sell the Aucilla Shores Homeowner's Association crushed rock at a price to cover the Road Department's cost. Citizen Jerry Sutphin stated his belief that this would open a "can of worms." Commissioner Boyd expressed concern regarding the county assuming liability on private roads. Commissioner Joyner stated that this issue had come before the Board and been voted down numerous times in the past. He stated that the main reason was government competing against private enterprise. Also, Commissioner Joyner stated his desire to concentrate more on bringing up the quality and condition of the county roads before assisting private roads. Road Superintendent David Harvey stated his desire for an increase in budgetary authority to be able to take better care of county roads. Commissioner Monroe agreed, stating there were many issues to be addressed in regards to county roads. Commissioner Boyd withdrew his motion and stated his desire to discuss this issue further at the next retreat.
4. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher announced the next retreat's date as May 14th, 2009, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Green Industries.
5. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher brought a request from Mr. Paul Stotz asking for a reduction in landfill and fire assessments on his mother's property by 50%. He stated that she had passed away and no one was occupying the home for half of the assessed year. On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Monroe, and unanimously carried, the Board decided not to grant the request and maintained their policy of a 100% charge on a year by year basis.
6. Attorney Mike Reichman appeared before the Board representing property owner Gregory Thompson. Due to county setback rules, Mr. Reichman stated that Mr. Thompson's property has been rendered useless. Planning Attorney Scott Shirley stated that both he and Planning Official Bill Tellefsen recommended granting Mr. Thompson's variance, but that the Planning Commission denied it. Mr. Tellefsen stated that the county's setback rule was more prohibitive than the water district's requirements. On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Monroe, and unanimously carried, Mr. Thompson's variance was granted.
7. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, and unanimously carried, the SHIP Local Housing Assistance Plan was approved.
8. Commissioner Boyd stated his desire to discuss a decorum policy for county commission meetings at the next retreat.

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9. Commissioner Fulford stated he was working in conjunction with County Attorney Buck Bird and Planning Official Bill Tellefsen on clarifying a language gap in the 9-1-1 ordinance.
10. Commissioner Monroe stated he was still working on obtaining the 25% waiver from NRCS.
11. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams informed the Commissioners that he had emailed them the budget schedule for the upcoming fiscal year.
12. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.
13. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk