

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
December 12, 2008

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 consent agenda, consisting of the minutes from the November 20th, 2008 regular session was approved.
2. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented his report, consisting of Department Head Reports and an update on the Jefferson County parks. Henry Gohlke with the County Coordinator's Department presented a slideshow presentation on the status of the three county parks.
3. Commissioner Monroe expressed concern about the diving board at the Wacissa River. Commissioner Fulford recommended closing it temporarily. On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the Board decided to make the diving board inaccessible by fencing it off at this time.
4. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented a resignation letter from Property Appraiser David Ward, announcing his departure from the Wilderness Coast Library Board. Chairman Hall requested this be placed on the next agenda.
5. On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the decision to allow Winston Lee to make the handicap space at the courthouse ADA compliant was approved.
6. Commissioner Joyner requested that he be allowed to step-down as the liaison to the Economic Development Council. Commissioner Fulford volunteered to replace him.
7. Economic Development Director Julie Conley requested that the Board make its appointment to the EDC. Commissioner Boyd recommended Riley Palmer or S.W. Ellis. Commissioner Fulford recommended Katrina Walton. Commissioner Hall recommended C.P. Miller.
8. On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Katrina Walton as its representative to the EDC.
9. Citizen C.P. Miller stated he appreciated his time served on the EDC and disagreed with the methods of setting up the Board. He also stated it should be more diverse.
10. Economic Development Director Julie Conley presented the covenants and restrictions for the Industrial Park. On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and unanimously carried, the covenants and restrictions were approved.
11. Economic Development Director Julie Conley stated that the grant application process for the industrial park could take up to a year. She stated that waiting this long would probably run the risk of losing the potential businesses that have expressed interest in re-locating there. She stated she obtained the planning and engineering for the infrastructure and expressed her opinion that the work needed to be done very soon.

12. Engineer Frank Darabi stated he was committed to doing the sewer and water extension and that a rough estimate would be between \$200,000 and \$250,000. Commissioner Joyner recommended Mr. Darabi, Ms. Conley, Commissioner Boyd and County Coordinator Roy Schleicher to work on this issue.
13. Tourist Development Council representative Nancy Wideman presented the TDC's marketing and funding plan and asked for the approval of Jim Dulock to be appointed to the council.
14. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, Jim Dulock was appointed to the TDC.
15. Emergency Management Director Carol Ellerbe stated she had officially received the letter to begin construction for the Emergency Operations Center and invited everyone to a groundbreaking ceremony on December 9th at 9:30 a.m.
16. Commissioner Boyd brought up the issue of the search for a new county librarian and expressed a concern to clarify the requirements for the director's position.
17. On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Joyner and failed 2 to 3 (Fulford, Monroe and Hall against), the decision to require a Master's Degree in Library/Information Sciences was not approved.
18. On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the decision to prefer a Master's Degree in Library/Information Sciences and set the salary up to \$41,000, was approved.
19. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.
20. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk