

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
October 16, 2008

The Board met this date in Regular Session. Present were Chairman Felix "Skeet" Joyner, Commissioners Danny Monroe III, J.N. Tuten Jr, Eugene Hall and Jerry Sutphin. Also present were County Coordinator Roy Schleicher, Clerk of Court Kirk Reams, and County Attorney T. Buckingham Bird.

1. The consent agenda, consisting of Minutes from September 29, 2008 Final Budget Hearing, Minutes of the October 2, 2008 Regular Session and the Planning Commission Appointment of George Cole by Commissioner Eugene Hall, was approved.
2. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented his report, consisting of Grants related to the Meridian Community Services Group, an update on damages related to Tropical Storm Fay, and County Coordinator's discussion regarding Mr. Schleicher working more on legislative "bigger picture" issues.
3. Economic Development Director Julie Conley reported on the status of potential new businesses relocating to the industrial park. She also stated that engineering for water, sewer and road extensions have been done and hopefully the CDBG will be helpful towards funding.
4. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher announced that most of the Tropical Storm Fay damage would be handled internally by county employees within the Road Department. Mr. Schleicher also recommended allowing Mr. David Harvey (Road Superintendent) to hire employees to fill vacancies and temporary help for prepping the horse arena.
5. County resident Albert Haynes appeared before the Board and brought forth issues he is having in regards to flooding on his property along Turkey Scratch Road. Chairman Joyner recommended Mr. Haynes stay in contact with Mr. Harvey at the Road Department to see if FEMA funds/repairs to the road would improve the situation.
6. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, county legislative priorities were set as new Fire/EMS Station, the industrial park infrastructure, additional funds towards the horse arena, and the bridge repair project on West Lake Road. Commissioner Tuten requested the pursuit of small county courthouse funding to replace the roof on the courthouse.
7. Commissioner Sutphin addressed the Board concerning his desire for the Board to have a long-term philosophy and expressed disappointment over the lack of funding for the shuttle and the delay in codification of the ordinances.
8. County Attorney T. Buckingham Bird asked the Board if it would consider an emergency item as the purchase of the Wacissa River headwaters. Attorney Paula Sparkman explained that this was an emergency situation because the offer was required to be accepted by October 31st. Commissioner Tuten and Clerk of Court Kirk Reams declared money available from fiscally constrained fund.
9. Attorney Paula Sparkman explained that there were a few conditions for sale. First, the property was being sold for \$500,000 with \$300,000 paid up front and \$200,000 paid one year from now at a stated interest rate. She also explained it was to be considered a bargain sale, meaning that if the appraisal came back above the purchase price, any amount above the purchase price would be considered a tax deductible donation. Also, any recreation areas constructed on the property should be named after the Wilson family.

10. On motion by Commissioner Tuten, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the decision to purchase the 10 acres pursuant to the above mentioned stipulations was approved.
11. Sheriff David Hobbs brought forth an issue concerning noise levels and motorcycles being raced at the Go-Kart facility off of Big Joe Road. Citizen David Lewis brought forth 14 points of agreement which stated only Go-Karts could be raced and that decibel levels were being violated. Citizen Bud Wheeler defended the accusation that decibel levels were being violated.
12. Citizen Cynthia Frazier asked to be placed on the next night meeting agenda regarding the old school house in Lamont.
13. Citizen Santa Hokanson explained her concerns regarding attendance at previous planning commission meetings.
14. Chairman Joyner presented Commissioner Sutphin with his framed picture and nameplate.
15. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.
16. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Hall, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk