

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
September 4, 2008

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

1. On motion by Commissioner Tuten, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the consent agenda, consisting of the minutes from the August 21st meeting, was approved.
2. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented the County Coordinator’s report to the Board, including the department head reports, update on Tropical Storm Fay damage, EMS Billing – report and discussion, and Veteran Affairs agreement.
3. Fire Chief Jim Billberry approached the Board about issuing an RFP for EMS billing services. On motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Sutphin and unanimously carried, the Board agreed to the RFP.
4. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher announced that Madison County has agreed to share their Veteran Affairs officer two days a week for \$18,173 per year.
5. Engineer Bill McCloud and Melanie Becker, representatives from Embarq, made a presentation to the Board about Embarq’s high-speed internet rural development program. Mr. McCloud displayed the soon-to-be developed service area for high-speed internet. He stated it would be in place by approximately January 2009. He also said that there were federal grants available that Embarq would match.
6. Consultant Traci Buzbee asked the Board to commit up to \$54,600 guaranteed maximum price for a cash match involving the EOC funding. Commissioner Tuten wanted to delay the decision in an attempt to have the land in the Industrial Park count towards the county’s match. Chairman Joyner set a special meeting for Thursday, September 11th at 9 a.m.
7. Joe Schenck, an auditor with Betts, Rogers, Schenck & Jones, made the Board aware that the company he represents was being absorbed by Carr, Riggs, and Ingram. He requested that the Board’s audit contract be assigned to this company and also requested a three-year extension of the contract. Chairman Joyner stated the need to go out for bid on the audit contract.
8. On motion by Commissioner Sutphin, seconded by Commissioner Tuten, and unanimously carried, the audit contract was assigned.
9. Sonora Walker, representing Meridian, made a presentation regarding the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG Grant). She stated she was looking forward to applying for the rehabilitative grant program.

10. PUBLIC HEARING: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

11. On motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the decision to use Meridian’s services for CDBG grant was approved.
12. On motion by Commissioner Tuten, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the FY 2008 annual PHA plan for the Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) was approved.

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- 13. A public hearing was set for September 18th, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. regarding additional input and approval of the draft CDBG application. A Fair Housing Meeting was also set for the same day at 5:00 p.m.
- 14. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.
- 15. On motion by Commissioner Tuten, seconded by Commissioner Monroe, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest: _____
Clerk

Chairman