

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
March 6, 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 Hall, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the February 7th and February 21st meetings was approved.
2. The Purple Heart Highway Proclamation for Highway 27 was pulled off the consent agenda and tabled for the next meeting.
3. Chairman Joyner presented a plaque of recognition to Linda Hamedani, retiring library directory.
4. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented the County Coordinator’s report to the Board, consisting of the department head report, budgetary issues for 08-09 budget year, and the economic development report.
5. Solid Waste Director Beth Thorne addressed the Board with a proposal of possible budget cuts and her tentative budget for the 2008-2009 Budget Year. Her proposal involved reducing the number of sites and closing sites Sundays in order to prevent cutting personnel. Her proposal also involved declining waste tires. Commissioner Tuten was concerned that the landfill assessment has been increased and this involved a decrease in the services provided to the public.
6. Economic Development Director Julie Conley brought a proposal of the restructuring of the economic development activities. Commissioners Joyner and Sutphin both felt the EDC needed a five member governing board. Mrs. Conley stated she would go back to the City Council and the EDC Board with the Board of County Commissioner’s recommendations.
7. On motion by Commissioner Tuten, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the Emergency Operations Center contract was approved.
8. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher announced the new executive director of the Escambia County Housing Finance Authority, Elbert Jones Jr.
9. Mosquito Control Director Mark Positano presented a budget amendment request to the Board, which involved a decrease in state funds.
10. On motion by Commissioner Tuten, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the budget amendment request was approved.
11. Acting Fire Chief Mark Matthews explained to the Board the urgency in replacing the repeater system in the southern end of the county. He stated the need to go from a VHF system to a UHF system instead of a cheaper, “band-aid” solution.
12. On motion by Commissioner Tuten, seconded by Commissioner Sutphin, and unanimously carried, the repeater system issue was declared an emergency.
13. On motion by Commissioner Tuten, seconded by Commissioner Monroe, and unanimously carried, the use of no more than \$75,000 from the \$12.50 fund was approved for the purchase of the repeater system.
14. On motion by Commissioner Tuten, seconded by Commissioner Hall, and unanimously carried, the request of the County Attorney T. Buckingham Bird to survey the old Department of Transportation property was approved.

- 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.

Attest: _____
Clerk

Chairman