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JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGULAR SESSION MARCH 15, 2007

The Board met this date in Regular Session. Present were Chairman J.N. Tuten, Jr. and Commissioners Gene C. Hall, Felix "Skeet" Joyner, Danny Monroe, III and Jerry Sutphin.

Also present were Grants Administration Director Roy Schleicher, Planning Official Bill Tellefsen, County Extension Director Larry Halsey, County Attorney T. Buckingham Bird, County Planning Attorney Scott Shirley and Clerk of Court Kirk Reams.

- 1. On motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Monroe, and unanimously carried, the Consent Agenda, consisting of the minutes of the February 9th County Coordinator Workshop, the minutes of the March 1st Regular Session, Payment Request from Riley Palmer Construction in the amount of \$255,052.20, Payment Request from Storm Reconstruction Services for Old Lloyd Road in the amount of \$3,745.80, Payment Request from Storm Reconstruction Services for Ebenezer Church Road in the amount of \$178,964.13, Commissioner Hall's appointment to the Planning Commission, George Cole, and the Personnel Policy Change to the salary range of the County Coordinator to \$50,000 \$82,000, was approved..
- 2. Commissioner Hall introduced his appointee to the Planning Commission, Mr. George Cole, to the Board.
- 3. The Board took no action on the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's notice of intent to sell surplus land.
- 4. Planning Official Bill Tellefsen explained the conflict between the recommendation of the county engineer to pave county roads affected by new developments and the land development code.
- 5. County Planning Attorney Scott Shirley warned the Board of constitutional issues that could arise from forcing developers to pave county roads that would benefit other citizens besides those living in the development.
- 6. Mr. Shirley explained the advantages of impact fees to help alleviate such situations.
- 7. Mr. Shirley recommended establishing a schedule of capital improvements for the county road system.
- 8. Commissioner Joyner explained that the county did not have the upfront money to pave roads and then collect impact fees over a period of time to cover the costs.
- 9. Mr. Shirley stated his advice to the Planning Commission would be that they did not have the authority to deny the developer's application.
- 10. Commissioner Joyner asked Mr. Shirley about the possibility of establishing a special taxing district in order to pave Tung Grove Road. Mr. Shirley explained it would have to be done by ordinance.
- 11. Tanya Johnson Bellamy of Turkey Scratch Road addressed the board concerning conditions of the road.
- 12. Commissioner Monroe explained that the road was a work in progress and the county had no funds to pave any portion of that road.
- 13. County resident Byron Barnhart addressed the board concerning the availability of low income housing in the county.

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- 14. Bill Tellefsen responded that low income/affordable housing will be addressed in the upcoming E.A.R.
- 15. Chairman Tuten assured Mr. Barnhart that the Grants Department was actively seeking funding through C.D.B.G. grants and other sources.
- 16. Commissioner Hall recommended that Mr. Barnhart meet with Grants Director Roy Schleicher to map out a plan to seek additional funding to address these concerns.
- 17. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Sutphin, and unanimously carried, the decision to disclaim the timber rights on the road extension in the Lake Wooten area, was approved.
- 18. Commissioner Sutphin expressed his desire that county employees and elected officials be issued identification badges.
- 19. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Hall, and unanimously carried, the Change Order to pave a portion of Ebenezer Church Road from Road Department funds in the amount of \$1875.00, was approved.
- 20. Commissioner Hall commented on the state of the Lamont Recreation Park. Chairman Tuten responded that the park was rebuilt and handed over to a community group.
- 21. Commissioner Joyner commented that the Board needed to think about getting out of the driveway/culvert installation business.
- 22. Commissioner Joyner expressed his concern that there was a need for a backup 911 coordinator in case of emergencies or illness.
- 23. The Warrant Register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.
- 24. On motion by Commissioner Joyner, seconded by Commissioner Monroe, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

	Chairman	
Attest: Clerk		

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