JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGULAR SESSION December 1, 2009

The Board met this date in Regular Session. Present were Chairman Danny Monroe, Commissioners Hines Boyd, Stephen Fulford, and Eugene Hall, County Coordinator Roy Schleicher, Clerk of Court Kirk Reams, and County Attorney Buck Bird.

- 1. Citizen Chuck Sarkisian urged the Commission to support the Jefferson High football team.
- 2. Dick Bailar with the Legislative Committee addressed the Board regarding legislative issues concerning protecting the North Florida area's water supply. He asked for approval from the Board in making this a priority for the legislative committee. On motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and unanimously carried, the Board approved Mr. Bailar's request.
- 3. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams introduced the Florida Local Government Investment Trust. He explained that it was the Clerk's duty to invest surplus funds on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners. He also explained that by signing the joinder agreement, the county would not be pledging the investment of any funds, but rather securing the ability to invest and diversify risks at a later time if desired. Michelle Kimbler and Mike Moreno of FLGIT briefly explained the two funds they oversee. On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the joinder agreement was approved.
- 4. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented a request to purchase a road-side mower for the Road Department. The low-bid was for a John Deere tractor at \$51,200. On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the request was approved.
- 5. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams explained his intentions for establishing an IT (information technology) Division that would serve his office, any participating constitutional officer and the county departments. He explained there was a glaring need for someone who is responsible for the county's network and websites and for coordinating the purchase of the county's IT equipment. He also explained there were many cost-saving advantages to what implementing this structure and that recording fees, not tax payer dollars, would be used to fund this position. Ashley and Richard Hotz of Country Mile Computer voiced opposition stating this would deeply impact their business. Speaking on behalf of the Hotz's work were Jan Rickey, Larry Halsey, David Frisby and Bobbie Golden. Commissioner Monroe stated that who and how the Clerk hires was the authority of the Clerk. It was the consensus of the Board to support the Clerk's decision.
- 6. Commissioner Boyd stated his concern regarding the RFP for the Landfill not going out with the RFQ. He requested that the RFP go out immediately and it was his opinion that the county engineer not be selected until the landfill monitor was selected.
- 7. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.
- 8. On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Fulford, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman

Attest: ____

Clerk