

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
June 4, 2009

The Board met this date in Regular Session. Present were Chairman Eugene Hall, Commissioners Hines Boyd, Stephen Fulford, Felix "Skeet" Joyner and Danny Monroe III. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher, Clerk of Court Kirk Reams, and County Attorney Paula Sparkman.

1. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and unanimously carried, the consent agenda consisting of the minutes from the May 21, 2009 regular session was approved.
2. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented the County Coordinator's Report to the Board, consisting of announcement of the retreat at College Park on June 11, 2009 at Green Industries and amendments to the personnel policy.
3. It was the consensus of the Board to postpone discussion regarding the personnel policy amendments.
4. Henry Gohlke, Park Manager, presented the FRDAP check of approximately \$198,000. He requested equipment totaling \$27,200. Commissioner Joyner recommended waiting until October 1st, 2009 before purchasing any equipment for the recreation park.
5. Emergency Management Director Carol Ellerbe announced the ribbon cutting for the new Emergency Operations Center on June 19th, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. She also announced 4 FEMA-approved projects, totaling \$46,000.
6. Commissioner Boyd introduced the Commission Meeting Rules of Procedure for discussion. He stated that there has never been an official adaptation of Robert's Rules of Order. He also disclaimed that there was zero ties between these rules and the future horse track meeting. He stated that the proposed rules safeguarded the right of citizens to be heard and that the Chairman guides and controls the meeting, with flexibility. Questions are to be directed to the Chair and there are to be no personal attacks from the members of the public or amongst the Board members.
7. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to approve the rules, to which Commissioner Monroe seconded for discussion.
8. Commissioner Monroe thanked Commissioner Boyd for his work on this project and emphasized that the Chairman had the flexibility in administering the rules.
9. Commissioner Joyner stated he was hesitant to vote and the amount of citizens' input should be at the Chair's discretion. He stated he would like to continue doing what the Board had been doing. Commissioner Monroe responded that these procedures were the teeth that would give the public notice in writing.
10. Attorney Rick Bateman, representing land owners in the Lloyd area, stated that quasi-judicial meetings do not fall under these rules and a different set of rules needs to be established for quasi-judicial meetings. Chairman Hall stated counsel would direct the Board in quasi-judicial meetings. Commissioner Boyd would like the ability to amend the procedures relating to quasi-judicial meetings.
11. Citizen David Hall stated that this meeting, as conducted, would not follow the proposed rules. He also stated that there were syntax issues and spoke the possible effect of these procedures on other boards. He stated that people need more than three minutes and Commissioners need to be able to respond to the public. Commissioner Boyd responded that there was flexibility in the rules.
12. Commissioner Joyner stated the need for time to address quasi-judicial language. Citizen Jerry Sutphin stated his belief that it should be tabled until after the public hearing on June 25th.
13. County Attorney Paula Sparkman stated that County Attorney Buck Bird had reviewed the procedures and it could be adopted with no effect on the quasi-judicial rules.

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14. Citizen Patricia Pearson stated her concern with the lack of ability to give someone else their allotted time. She also stated that the one hour limitation per topic was not enough time to discuss certain issues. Citizen Santa Hokanson asked if granting her minutes to someone else would be allowed, to which Commissioner Boyd responded that it is not allowed but the Chair or by consent of the Board could grant minutes to be given to another speaker.
15. Citizen Jane Barron asked the Board if it could revisit the policy and make changes at a later meeting.
16. Commissioner Monroe withdrew his second and Commissioner Boyd withdrew his motion. This issue was tabled to the next meeting.
17. Citizen David Hall informed the Board of a noise-enforcement issue in his community. He also wanted to know what material would be available for the horse track meeting because the public would need time to look over it.
18. On motion by Commissioner Joyner, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the decision to move approximately \$16,500 from contingency to consulting fees to pay Darabi & Associates for work related to Tropical Storm Fay was approved.
19. Building Official Wallace Bullock approached the Board and asked for permission to seek attorney Scott Shirley's assistance in preparing a question for the Attorney General to make an opinion on. This question involved the ability to waive permit fees for government projects. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and unanimously carried, the Board approved.
20. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.
21. On motion by Commissioner Joyner, seconded by Commissioner Monroe, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk