

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
January 7, 2010

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

1. On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the consent agenda consisting of the minutes from the December 17th regular session was approved.
2. Citizen Dick Bailar announced the Legislative Delegation Meeting for January 20th at 6:00 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex.
3. On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and unanimously carried, Resolution No. 2010-010710-01, the Florida EMS Grant Program was approved.
4. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams announced that he and County Engineer Frank Darabi met with the Florida Department of Transportation District Secretary concerning Dills Road and the secretary approved the use of surplus budgeted funds for the widening of this road. On motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the decision to use the budgeted surplus funds for Dills Road widening was approved.
5. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented his report consisting of the results of the landfill RFP and an update on the Industrial Park.
6. Commissioner Joyner stated he wanted to assess the RFP's after the interviews for the RFQ. Commissioner Boyd wanted to tentatively adopt RAI's proposal pending review from county staff and input by commissioners. Commissioner Monroe stated he was uncomfortable making a decision at this time and expressed concern over possible repairs and the insurance supplement. Commissioner Joyner stated he did not want to place any additional work on the Road Department for the maintenance and recommended using Darabi for the groundwater and gas monitoring and Preble-Rish for the maintenance. Commissioner Boyd stated he would rather have one engineer do it all. Commissioner Hall stated he has had a good experience with Darabi in the past and was not familiar with the others and he would like to see Darabi get part of the work.
7. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher reminded the Commissioners that this RFQ was for providing technical support for the engineer selected through the RFQ process. Commissioner Boyd stated his desire to cancel the RFQ because an engineer supervising another engineer is just an extra bill to pay. He also stated that Darabi has been paid well to help us over the years and that it was time to move on. Commissioner Monroe stated that the Board could look at how much Darabi was paid, but might not be aware of how much he saved the County over the years. Former Commissioner Benny Bishop stated that DEP can be difficult to work with and that whoever works with them should have the ability to help save money. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher stated that the RFPs do not include the actual engineering work and fees associated with the work. Citizen Chuck Sarkisian stated that the firm selected through the RFQ process should analyze the RFP and that there was no rush. Commissioner Joyner stated he would not be comfortable until the Board interviewed the companies.

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8. Commissioner Fulford made a motion to which Commissioner Joyner seconded, recommending going through with the RFQ interviews next week and having a workshop before the next meeting with including Preble-Rish as an interview for the RFQ. Attorney Bird stated that firms cannot be added to the list for RFQ at this time.
9. On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Joyner and unanimously carried, the decision to go through with the RFQ interviews and scheduling the RFPs for next week was approved. The RFP interviews were set for Thursday, January 14th at 9:00 a.m. at the Jefferson County Courthouse Annex.
10. Commissioner Fulford updated the Board on the Air Methods agreement at the Industrial Park. He stated that all Air Methods had committed was \$40,000 to the project. Economic Development Director Julie Conley said the extra costs involved were for storm water and site prep work and that Air Methods did not consider storm water its obligation, to which Mrs. Conley agreed. Commissioner Monroe recommended continuing negotiations and to bring back a proposal at the next regular meeting.
11. Attorney Bird spoke of quit-claiming a 30 foot easement in Wacissa along Highway 259 and asked that it be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
12. Commissioner Fulford asked about the progress on the grievance at the library to which Mr. Schleicher said that progress was being made and that Attorney Bird had located a qualified mediator.
13. Commissioner Monroe stated that the NRCS projects were proceeding and asked that a letter of thanks be written to Elwyn Cooper at NRCS.
14. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.
15. On motion by Commissioner Joyner, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk