

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
January 21, 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 Hall, seconded by Commissioner Joyner and unanimously carried, the consent agenda consisting of the minutes from the January 7th regular session was approved.
2. Chris Landrum, Warden of Jefferson Correctional Institution, informed the Board that in order for the prison work crews to mow cemeteries, they had to be not-for-profit corporations or city/county properties. He stated that he needed assurances that the cemeteries currently being worked on were not privately owned and requested to sit down with someone from the county to go over the property list. Commissioner Boyd volunteered.
3. Economic Development Director Julie Conley introduced Ordinance No. 2010-012110-01, Economic Development Incentives. On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the ordinance was approved.
4. Economic Development Director Julie Conley updated the Board on the negotiations with Air Methods. She informed the Board that it had originally committed \$42,200 to be recovered during the first 3 years. However, additional site grading and stormwater work needed to be done, amounting to \$48,000. Coupled with the lease payments amounting to \$36,000 the county’s total net investment on this portion would be \$12,000. On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the proposal was approved. On motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and unanimously carried, the Board approved the expenditure as a line item for this project. On motion by Commissioner Joyner, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, Duggar Excavating was approved as a low-bidder on this project.
5. County Engineer Frank Darabi requested the Board to approve the additional scope of work on Dills Road and to use excess funds from the Nash Road project. On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.
6. Mr. Darabi also requested that the Goldberg and Monticello Park NRCS projects be awarded to the low-bidder, Dixie Paving. On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Joyner and unanimously carried, the request was approved.
7. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented the results of the engineering RFQ and recommended accepting the rankings and establishing a negotiation committee to work with the top firm, Preble-Rish. On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the decision to negotiate with Preble-Rish and to go down the recommendation list if they are unable to reach an agreement was approved. On motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the negotiation committee consisting of Kirk Reams, Phil Calandra, David Harvey, Roy Schleicher, John McHugh and Danny Monroe was approved.

8. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented the results of the landfill RFQ and recommended accepting the rankings and establishing a negotiation to work with the top firm, Darabi & Associates. Commissioner Boyd stated that this was a monitoring project, not an engineering project, and that the respondents to the RFP's could handle all of the work required. Commissioner Boyd moved to reject all of the RFQ's on the landfill but his motion died for lack of a second. On motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Joyner and carried 4 to 1 (Boyd opposed), the decision to negotiate with Darabi & Associates and go down the recommendation list if they are unable to reach an agreement was approved. Commissioner Boyd stated that he was troubled by the process because of inconsistent selections and results being skewed. The negotiations committee was stated to consist of Kirk Reams, Chuck Sarkisian, Beth Thorne, John McHugh, Roy Schleicher with Commissioner Monroe appointing Commissioner Joyner.
9. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher introduced the results of the RFP for the Tyson Road landfill. County Attorney Buck Bird cited Florida Statute 287, which made reference to the selection of the most responsible and responsive bidder.
10. A motion was made by Commissioner Joyner and seconded by Commissioner Hall to accept the low bidder, Darabi and Associates, under Task #1 (groundwater monitoring). Commissioner Boyd stated the intent was to get the most advantageous and lowest cost proposal. He said there was a right to bundle the tasks and that the low-cost proposal for all three came from RAI. He stated that he could not support the motion and his belief that the tasks should be bundled. Commissioner Monroe stated he saw no problem with splitting up the contract. By a vote of 3 to 2 (Boyd and Fulford opposed), the motion passed.
11. On motion by Commissioner Joyner, seconded by Commissioner Hall and carried 3 to 2 (Boyd and Fulford opposed), the selection of Darabi & Associates for Task #2 (gas monitoring) was approved.
12. Commissioner Fulford stated that Task #3 (maintenance) was an area to save money. Commissioner Boyd stated that Mr. Dean lived very close to the site and that it should be accepted because it also included biennial and inspection reports. On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the selection of RAI was approved.
13. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher requested a committee be appointed to consist of Kirk Reams, Chuck Sarkisian, Beth Thorne, Roy Schleicher, John McHugh and Commissioner Boyd for negotiations on the RFP. Commissioner Fulford asked for Attorney Bird to be involved with the Committee. On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the committee was established.
14. On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and unanimously carried, the maintenance agreement for the North Salt Road ARRA project was approved.
15. County Attorney Bird introduced a easement situation in the Wacissa community that had been abandoned and that the Wacissa Methodist Church was interested in acquiring. Commissioner Joyner warned of the same issue on the south side of the road and that if the commissioner granted for one property owner, they would be approached by other property owners. Commissioner Boyd thought that it may change the character of the community and Commissioner Joyner recommended tabling this item for more discussion.
16. Emergency Management Director Carol Ellerbe asked the Board to declare a local state of emergency due to the most recent round of rain storms. This declaration would expire in 14 days. On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and unanimously carried, the request was approved.

17. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented the department head reports to the Board. Commissioner Hall asked for annual reports from the department heads. Kathy Lollar from the Planning Department informed the Board that she was willing to work on Grants in coordination with John McHugh and that she would do the best she could, but she would like to remain in the Planning Department.
18. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.
19. On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk