

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
May 20, 2010

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

1. Citizen Kate Calvin made a presentation to the Board about her website allowing residents to voice their opinions on local political issues.
2. On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the consent agenda consisting of the minutes from the May 6th regular session was approved.
3. On motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and unanimously carried, the Medical Director Agreement with Dr. Spindell was approved.
4. On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Joyner and unanimously carried, the CDBG disaster recovery program agreement was approved.
5. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams introduced the “A” Building lease discussion and informed the Board that its offer of \$2000 per month with the first 2 years paid up front with the Board owning the building at the end of the 20 year lease period was denied by the Jefferson County School Board. Mr. Reams also explained that the School Board desired the “A” Building lease to mirror the current lease of buildings at the Annex with 3 five-year renewal periods instead of leasing to own. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to accept the School Board’s offer, to which Commissioner Fulford seconded for discussion.
6. Commissioner Monroe stated his desire to stick with the Board’s original proposal and that it was a fair offer. Commissioner Boyd spoke of losing out on an opportunity due to low construction costs and bond rates. Citizen Jack Carswell spoke of protecting heritage that was important to the community. Citizen Chuck Sarkisian asked if there were any other reasons behind getting this done so quickly, to which Commissioner Boyd replied that applications for federal funding had been made. Nancy Wideman of the Tourist Development Council encouraged going forward with the project because of its impact on tourism. Citizen Phil Calandra stated that as a tax payer, the lease would mean pennies. Citizen Dick Bailar stated that the School Board’s financial condition was not the responsibility of the county commission. Citizen Dan Schell asked why there was a problem with renewal periods, because there seemed to be no problems with the buildings presently leased (at the Annex). Commissioner Monroe stated that he desired not to add another building the type of lease they currently had at the Annex.
7. Citizen Dick Bailar said the buildings were being leased at a dollar per year and were restored without tax payer dollars. Citizen Phil Calandra countered, saying that restoring the “A” Building would not cost tax dollars as it would be from traffic ticket revenue. Citizen Ann Holt said there was no comparison between the “A” Building and the Annex and that it was the Commission’s responsibility to preserve. Citizen Chuck Sarkisian suggested the Board take emotion out of the situation and that there were substantial costs involved. Citizen Troy Averra said that the building had a heritage that could not be replaced and that it was a small price to pay to restore.

8. Citizen Bill Brown gave his opinion that it was wrong not to own the building at the end of the 20 year lease period. Commissioner Joyner suggested taking emotion out of the situation and looking at this issue as a business decision. He stated he was not in favor of putting the county in debt and that the offer was generous with the School Board being able to use the building. Commissioner Joyner stated the building belonged to the taxpayers and the public needed to point the finger at the School Board. Commissioner Fulford stated it was tragic that the Board's could not come to an agreement and that this might be the last opportunity to have Building "A" preserved. He also stated that in 20 years, the county commission could desire to walk away from the building. He also desired that there be a clause in any future lease that if the Commission could not find the revenue to restore the building that the lease would terminate.
9. The motion to accept the School Board's lease failed 2 – 3 (Monroe, Joyner and Hall opposed).
10. Commissioner Fulford introduced the North Florida Broadband Resolution, the intent of which was to allow interest and rights to county assets for the Broadband project. It was agreed that Appendix A should include the Sheriff's Tower and the tower on Beth Page Road. On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, Resolution No. 10-05-20-10-01 was approved.
11. Commissioner Joyner suggested taking the Code Enforcement drafts supplied by Attorney Bird and holding a workshop on May 27th at 9:00 a.m.

12. PUBLIC HEARING: E.A.R. RESOLUTION

13. Planning Official Bill Tellefsen recommended continuing the hearing until June 17th. On motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Joyner and unanimously carried, the public hearing was continued.
14. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented the Department Head reports to the Board. Mr. Schleicher recommended purchase of a compactor for the Pinckney Hill site with the low bidder Marpan at \$21,705.38. On motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the purchase was approved.
15. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented a letter from the Department of Juvenile Justice asking whether or not the county would want to house our own juvenile delinquents. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams that as a fiscally constrained county, these costs were paid for by the state.
16. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented a Local Agency Program which provided following procedures for FDOT for road projects. On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, the LAP was approved.
17. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented a request for a transfer of a copier from the County Extension to the School Board. On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and unanimously carried, the transfer was approved.
18. Citizen Pat Pearson asked the Board for a resolution opposing oil drilling in state waters while urging the legislature to place it on the ballot. Commissioner Joyner recommended placing it on the June 17th, 2010 agenda.
19. Citizen Dick Duffy thanked the Board for taking up code enforcement issue and expressed his concern involving events taking place on Gamble Road near his property. Citizen C.P. Miller took issue and stated that he did not believe that Mr. Duffy's concerns were related to the activities at the ball field near his property.

- 20. On motion by Commissioner Joyner, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and unanimously carried, the approval of up to \$500 in travel money for Commissioner Hall to attend the FAC conference was approved.

- 21. Commissioner Boyd stated that he did not recall a construction management agreement with Riley Palmer Construction and also was concerned that the bid packages were to be reviewed before being sent out. He wanted to see the repair work finished first and to place this issue as an item for the next agenda.

- 22. Commissioner Monroe gave an update on the NRCS projects.

- 23. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.

- 24. On motion by Commissioner Joyner, seconded by Commissioner Fulford, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk