

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION  
August 5, 2010

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

1. Marianne McGee with the United States Census presented the Board with recognition for its role in the 2010 Census count.
2. On motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the minutes from the June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 regular session meetings were approved.
3. Citizen Charlie Walker stated he was opposed to the closing of Malloy Landing Road. He stated he would be willing to pay higher taxes if it was going toward paying for the private land located there and that Malloy Landing Road provided no negatives that he could see, only assets.
4. Keith McCarron with ARPC presented the Department of Transportation’s 5-year work plan.
5. Economic Development Director Julie Conley presented the Board with an update of the Industrial Park. She also presented a 7-acre tract for sale to a company owned by the Cooksey family, who have strong ties to the county. She presented a sale price of \$59,000 for the property, with the county contributing \$49,000 of land clearing/infrastructural costs. On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the Board approved the sale of the land and cost of improvements by the county.
6. Citizen Kate Calvin presented the Board with the issue of signage at meetings. Commissioner Fulford said currently signs are not allowed and asked how it would be enforced currently. Ms. Calvin said signs are an alternative for those not comfortable with speaking and said that signs would have a high likelihood of being successfully implemented given the high level of civility currently displayed at County Commissioner meetings. Commissioner Joyner offered his opinion that size and content of signs being proposed was fine, and would not want to block someone’s view so they should possibly be limited to the back row and walls. Chairman Monroe stated his belief that signs did not need to be in the room as it was a respectful place and was afraid that allowing signs could create a monster. Commissioner Joyner said that if the Chairman decides a sign is not appropriate, the person with the sign can be asked to leave. Commissioner Boyd stated this was not a free speech issue and that signs are a distraction for Commissioners to address the audience. He stated his belief that meetings are running smoothly and that the Board should stick with what they have. Commissioner Boyd presented a resolution which basically stated that nothing should preclude the passing out of materials at Commission meetings but still did not allow signs at meetings. Commissioner Boyd made a motion in support for his proposed resolution, to which Commissioner Joyner seconded for discussion. Citizen Tom Love spoke in support of Calvin’s position. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated there may be constitutional issues to which County Attorney Buck Bird agreed. The previously proposed resolution was approved unanimously.
7. The Board held a discussion on the Budget in which County Coordinator Roy Schleicher stated that he had been working with Commissioner Boyd and Clerk of Court Kirk Reams. Commissioner Joyner stated that the Commission had faced worse deficits and was not happy with how the process was unfolding. He also stated he could not support raising the millage rate. Commissioner Monroe stated that the rolled back rate is not an absolute. Commissioner Boyd stated that there is

a reduction in assessed value of property and that taxes were a product of millage rate times assessed value.

8. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented his report, consisting of a resolution for the Florida Boating Improvement Program at the Wacissa River and a proposal for BP to continue monitoring the Jefferson County shoreline.
9. Citizen Dick Bailar spoke about being a ways off from proceeding with any plans at the Wacissa River and stated there was much preliminary work to do. Citizen Sherri Green asked how a committee was created and if the Wacissa residents would be given an opportunity to participate. Citizen Dick Bailar stated that the next meeting would be on August 20<sup>th</sup> at the Jefferson County Courthouse Annex and it would be advertised in the Monticello News. On motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and unanimously carried, resolution 10-080510-01, the Florida Boating Improvement Program at the Wacissa River was approved.
10. Citizen Gordon Dean stated he spoke with BP Employee Mr. Allen about the availability of funds for continued monitoring of the Jefferson County shoreline.
11. Planning Official Bill Tellefsen stated a public hearing was going to be held on August 19<sup>th</sup> to approve EAR Resolution and requested more workshops to be held on Comprehensive Plan after the hearing on the 19<sup>th</sup>.
12. Citizen David Hall spoke in regards to the code enforcement draft and asked if it was possible to review. This item was scheduled to placed on the agenda for the August 19<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting.
13. Citizen Charlie Walker spoke again in regards to Malloy Landing Road and said he could see a potentially dangerous situation if people are no longer allowed to access Dale Brumbley's river access. He said that the road should not be given to a private family because the county spent too much money building it to give it away. He also asked how the Board could ignore signatures and the Chairman of the Board for one family.
14. Gordon Dean expressed concern about the current music festival ordinance in place which requires a \$5000 fee. Commissioner Fulford stated his belief that it could potentially not apply to activities within the City of Monticello.
15. Citizen John Nelson informed the Board that a semi-professional football team had relocated to Jefferson County and urged the Board and citizens to show the team support.
16. Commissioner Boyd discussed his time spent at the county mine.
17. Chairman Monroe asked the Board to commit up to \$30,000 for the NRCS project at Lloyd Creek. On motion by Commissioner Joyner, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and unanimously carried, the Board approved the use of up to \$30,000 fiscally constrained money.
18. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.
19. On motion by Commissioner Joyner, seconded by Commissioner Fulford, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

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Chairman

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Clerk