

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
September 2, 2010

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

1. Jefferson County Library Director Kitty Brooks presented the Board with new library cards and thanked them for their support.
2. On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes from the August 19th, 2010 regular session.
3. Chris Cantolino from Resource Conservation Tech (a business located at the Watson Industrial Park) informed the Board about his company and its activities within the county.
4. Citizen Paul Gilmore asked the Board about a check written to Mark Glisson for work at the head of the Wacissa River and stated his understanding that Mr. Glisson was a volunteer. Citizen Dick Bailar informed Mr. Gilmore that by vote of the Board, Mr. Glisson was paid \$5000 for his help in the acquisition of the Wacissa River property.
5. Mosquito Control Director Mark Positano presented the Board with his mosquito control state budget paperwork. On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and unanimously carried, the Board approved the mosquito control budget.
6. Citizen Marianne Arbulu informed the Board of a committee that was being formed for the July 4th celebration in Jefferson County. She requested a donation from the Board of \$1000 as well as up to \$1000 additional for insurance coverage. Commissioner Boyd inquired as to how Ms. Arbulu and the committee would raise the rest of the funds necessary for the celebration, to which she replied donations by local businesses and citizens as well as renting booths at the festivities. Citizen David Hall said that no permit was currently required on any fireworks coming in or going out of the county and that could be a potential source of revenue. On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the Board approved up to \$2000 for the July 4th celebration committee.
7. Dick Bailar, with the Legislative Committee, presented the legislative priorities for Jefferson County.
8. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams presented the Board with a draft purchasing policy for the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Boyd stated his initial concern that there was not a purchase order system within each department. Citizen (and Commissioner Elect) John Nelson requested the Board take a look at the P-Card system utilized by the state and also recommended extensive training for employees. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams requested that the Commissioners review the policy and note any changes they would like to see before requesting its approval at the next meeting.
9. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams presented the Board with a budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 for the Road Department. He stated that due to overspending in several key areas, the Road Department currently faced a \$500,000 deficit. He recommended using \$75,000 from Reserves and \$425,000 from fiscally constrained money to cover the shortfall. Citizen Dick Bailar expressed concern over the use of the fiscally constrained money. Commissioner Fulford stated his concern about the Road Department and that something needed

to happen to correct the problems. Commissioner Boyd stated that this did not have to happen and that it was no single person's fault. He also stated that the budget deficit was not entirely caused by the storms in the early part of the year. Commissioner Fulford stated that everyone learns at an early age how to handle money. Citizen Paul Michael stated that the Board hires the department head to manage the department. Commissioner Boyd stated that the monitoring broke down at the department head level. Commissioner Joyner stated his belief that the four ten-hour days contributed, to which Commissioner Fulford stated he thought had little impact. On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the Board approved the budget amendment for the Road Department.

10. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher informed the Board that he and his assistant, John McHugh, were looking into ways to change the methods of operation at the Road Department. He stated that business as usual will not work and that he would bring a few recommendations to the Board in the coming months. Citizen Phil Calandra stated that he heard a pitch for reorganization but that it would not solve the underlying issues. He stated his belief that everyone should do his/her job and be accountable and that the problem was a lack of coordination and management.
11. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented his report to the Board, which included a Solid Waste request for study of traffic counts at Bassett Dairy and other collection sites. Commissioner Fulford stated that Madison County had some unattached roll offs. Citizen Phil Calandra presented pictures of Bassett Dairy and Pinckney Hill. He said that the hours are restrictive and asked the Board to consider alternative means of manning the sites rather than having less service and more expense. Chairman Monroe stated that the Board needed to educate the public about the hours and taking better care of the sites/dumping.
12. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher announced harassment training to be held on September 29th, 2010 at the Jefferson County Courthouse Annex.
13. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams announced a budget workshop for September 9th at 9:00 AM at the Jefferson County Courthouse Annex. Commissioner Boyd expressed his belief that the reserve be replenished. Commissioner Fulford said it could be discussed more at the workshop on the 9th, but said something needed to happen but it would likely impact services.
14. Citizen C.P. Miller asked if the code enforcement hearing would be held immediately following the present meeting and requested that it be held in the afternoon to allow for citizen input.
15. County Attorney Buck Bird discussed procedural rules in response to letter from the Boland's attorney, in which the Roberts rules were cited that any change to a ruling had to be made at the end of the meeting where the decision was made or at the next meeting at which the Board did not make the decision. Attorney Bird stated that he did not agree with the Attorney's legal opinion and stated his belief that the Board could make a motion to amend a decision. Chairman Monroe said that if the Board was afraid of a lawsuit on every decision that nothing would ever get done. Commissioner Fulford said he would get with Attorney Bird to make the appropriate motion at the Regular Session meeting to be held on September 16th.
16. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.
17. On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk