

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

The Board met this date in Regular Session. Present were Chairman Stephen Fulford, Commissioners Betsy Barfield, Hines Boyd, Danny Monroe and John Nelson. Also present were County Coordinator Roy Schleicher, Clerk of Court Kirk Reams, and County Attorney Buck Bird.

1. John Pat Thomas, with Florida League of Cities, presented an insurance refund to the Board in the amount of \$20,899.
2. Chairman Fulford requested to the pull the approval of the agenda from the consent agenda to add a resolution supporting Main Street's pursuit of grant funds for the Old Jail. Commissioner Boyd made a motion, to which Commissioner Monroe seconded, to add this item to general business. Commissioner Barfield expressed concern about not having a chance to review the resolution in advance and stated her concern with voting on an item that was just placed in front of her. Ann Holt, with Main Street, apologized and stated that she could wait until the next meeting. The motions were withdrawn and the item was placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
3. Commissioner Barfield asked that the minutes be pulled due to some minor changes. She also inquired as to whether or not minutes were required by workshops, to which Attorney Bird responded in the affirmative. On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes of the November 4<sup>th</sup> and November 16<sup>th</sup> regular sessions.
4. Citizen Georgia Ackerman announced that the Tiger Bay Club of Tallahassee would be holding a forum on Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Leon County Civic Center to discuss the Nestle water issue.
5. Ann Holt, with Main Street, announced the downtown Christmas activities to be held Friday, December 3.
6. Economic Development Director Julie Conley announced that the contract for the Rural Infrastructure Grant was not ready and asked for this item to be placed on the next agenda.
7. Scott Sheffield, with Preble-Rish, announced that the Florida Boating Improvement Program awarded the county \$36,970 for improvements at the head of the Wacissa River.
8. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented the bid tabulations for two NRCS projects, Doke Road and Lloyd Subdivision Road. Engineer Alan Wise, with Preble-Rish, informed the Board that in order to get the work completed on time, the Board would need to approve low bidder Dixie Paving for both projects. He also informed the Board that there was \$70,000 left available to the county because of the low bids. He asked the Board for permission to negotiate change orders not to exceed the overall contract budget with low bidder Dixie Paving, because negotiating and bringing back to the Board would cause the project to be overrun. Chairman Fulford commented that the Board's 25% share toward funding was already approved. Commissioner Monroe commented that these projects were a continuation of Federal dollars from prior projects. Commissioner Barfield expressed concern about voting on an issue that she has not had time to review. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried 4 to 1 (Barfield opposed), the Board approved Dixie Paving as the low bidder for the Lloyd Subdivision Road NRCS project in the amount of \$48,715. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and carried 4 to 1 (Barfield opposed), the Board approved Dixie Paving as the low bidder for the Doke Road NRCS project in the amount of \$104,073.

- Commissioner Barfield explained that her vote against these projects was solely because these issues were just brought before her. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the Chairman to sign off on change orders not to exceed the total budget for these projects and to have the Chairman report to the Commission.
9. Chamber President Gordon Dean requested that the Board appoint a non-voting representative for the Chamber's Board of Directors. Commissioner Nelson voiced concern about the criteria for all of the Commission's committees and expressed his desire to see a rotation process for appointments. Attorney Bird recommended setting a standard time to review committees each year. Commissioner Barfield volunteered to be on the Board. On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, the Board approved her appointment to the next cycle.
  10. Commissioner Boyd began the discussion about draft resolution 10-120210-01, amending the rules of procedure for Board meetings. He explained that items could be added to the agenda only by unanimous consent and only if the issue/item was an emergency. Planning Attorney Scott Shirley brought up that ordinances related to planning issues were brought forward by the Planning Commission. Commissioner Boyd stated he would bring recommended changes before the Board at the next meeting.
  11. Commissioner Monroe asked why there was interest in moving the regular sessions from Thursday to Tuesday. Commissioner Barfield stated that most counties meet on Tuesday and that certification programs through FAC met towards the end of the week. She also said that it corrects time lag with the media and would allow notices to run more efficiently. Commissioner Boyd responded that there were many conflicts currently if Commissioners wanted to do things outside of the county. Attorney Bird informed the Board that the City Council meets on Tuesday and the School Board meets on Monday. Chamber President Gordon Dean stated that the Chamber and Southern Music Rising meet on Tuesday as well. Planning Official Bill Tellefsen informed the Board of scheduling issues related to Planning Commission meetings. Citizen C.P. Miller stated he did not agree with the move due to potential effects on the economy through Planning Commission delays. He stated a desire to have both regular sessions as night meetings. Commissioner Boyd stated that Planning Commissioner could be moved to alleviate any delays. Commissioner Monroe stated a desire to table the issue to the next meeting in order to receive more input. Commissioner Nelson agreed. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, the Board tabled this item to the next meeting.
  12. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams introduced the discussion of a travel policy for the Board. Commissioner Monroe stated that previously each Commissioner had \$500 allotted with the Chairman allotted \$1000. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams informed the Board that he had identified two areas from which to transfer budget authority to the Commission's travel line item. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and approved 3 to 2 (Boyd, Fulford opposed), the Board decided to set \$1000 for the Chairman and \$750 for each Commissioner, with a transfer of \$2000 from fees for consultants and \$2000 from equipment to the line item travel.
  13. Attorney Bird stated that the state had a per diem policy. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher stated that the state's per diem policy could be added to the county purchasing policy. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated he would research the state's policy and report at a future meeting.
  14. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented the potential new schedules for meeting and agenda deadlines that he had distributed to the Department Heads. He asked the Board to consider a workshop to hear from the other departments that were unable to appear at the last workshop as well as representatives from

Preble-Rish and Meridian Community Services. He also requested that Frank Darabi and Gordon Dean be present to address any landfill issues. The workshop was scheduled for January 3 at 8:00 at the Courthouse Annex. Mr. Schleicher asked the two new commissioners to be present before the code enforcement workshop on the 16<sup>th</sup> for Commissioner photos. Mr. Schleicher also presented the legislative booklet prepared by Extension Director John Lilly and Property Appraiser Angela Gray.

15. Citizen Phil Calandra asked the Board if there could be more solutions than just closing landfill sites and restricting hours of operation. He asked the Board if it could have Preble-Rish representatives evaluate the situation. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher asked if Gordon Dean and Phil Calandra would volunteer for a committee, to which each responded in the affirmative. Chairman Fulford also volunteered to be on the committee. Commissioner Boyd stated that an interim solution could be posting schedules of sites and hours of operation at the sites as well as on the county website.
16. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams informed the Board that citizen Traci Wood had asked when the private road maintenance program would be back on the agenda. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher stated he would send the draft program to all of the Commissioners. Commissioner Barfield said she would like to see it discussed at a workshop before taking a vote, to which Commissioner Nelson agreed. It was the consensus of the Board to hold a future workshop in January on the issue.
17. Commissioner Monroe inquired as to the dress code for workshops, to which Commissioner Boyd stated that business casual was acceptable at workshops but business professional should be worn at meetings.
18. Commissioner Boyd stated his desire to have an agenda and reporting workshop before the first meeting of every month in order to discuss potential items for the next month's meetings. He stated that he felt it would give Department Heads and the Board a better look at budget and other staff reports and help the meetings run more smoothly. Commissioner Nelson stated a concern with public participation. Chairman Fulford stated a concern about redundancy. He further stated his belief that the problems mentioned by Commissioner Boyd would be alleviated with the new revisions/timeline for agendas and information. Commissioner Monroe said that extra meetings could be scheduled as needed and that it was unnecessary to have an extra, regularly scheduled meeting each month. Chairman Fulford voiced concern that there could possibly be more discussion at the workshops than at the meetings where the items were actually voted upon.
19. Commissioner Nelson voiced concern about addressing the Chair before speaking.
20. Commissioner Barfield applauded the Dills Road project.
21. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.
22. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

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Chairman

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