

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
November 16, 2010

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

1. County Judge Robert Plaines administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner-elects Betsy Barfield and John Nelson.
2. On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the Board elected Stephen Fulford as Chairman.
3. On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, the Board elected Hines Boyd as Vice-Chair.
4. Commissioner Boyd began the discussion about the Commissioner orientation and planning workshop. He recommended a two-day session and presented a sample agenda with the assistance of Phil Calandra. Commissioner Barfield stated her desire to have some time in between workshops to digest the material. Commissioner Nelson stated much of the material would be covered at the FAC new commission orientation. Citizen C.P. Miller asked if there would be public input. Chairman Fulford responded that public input was not scheduled for the workshops.
5. Citizen Gordon Dean informed the Board that a new Board member for the Chamber of Commerce would be needed to replace former Commissioner Joyner. This item was placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
6. Citizen David Hall asked when the next workshop for code enforcement would be. The workshop was scheduled for December 16th at 5 pm.
7. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented the County Coordinator's report, consisting of department head reports and a grant for parks and recreation. Mr. Schleicher explained that the grant was a 50% grant offered by Playmore Company. Citizen Juanity Minton-Crumity stated her concern with having to bid on the recreation equipment. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher stated that he did not see a need to bid, as it was a grant situation. Commissioner Barfield stated her concern with a company ramping up the price to make the county think it was getting a good deal. Mr. Schleicher stated he would bring back the grant proposal at a future meeting.
8. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented a membership packet for public officials for the Chamber of Commerce.
9. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented a packet of letters regarding the Nestle water situation.
- 10. PUBLIC HEARING: PETITION TO VACATE CANTEY ROAD**
11. Planning Attorney Scott Shirley explained the development code had a provision for the vacation of county roads. On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the Board approved continuance of the public hearing to the next night meeting in order to allow the Planning Official more time to review the road vacation.
12. Citizen Barbara Brumbley asked the Board to consider the river and its resources before making a decision that affects it. Citizens Georgia Ackerman and April Reagan stated the Board could nip the issue via zoning aspects. Citizen Tommy Thompson asked the Board to think long and hard about the resource it has.

Citizen Pam Granger presented a list of endangered or protected species along the river habitat. Citizen Mike Mendez asked the Board to think about what they were doing. Citizen Rick Peffer stated that the Wacissa affects the whole river system and the whole community. Citizen Bob Fulford stated that water was a finite source to be protected. Citizen Charlie Hoare stated that the Board should do research on Nestle's behavior in other communities. Citizen Jeff Granger stated that we have good water here and other areas do not. Citizen Roger Walker stated that if the Madison plant was so great then why did Nestle go to other areas in attempts to bottle water. Citizen C.P. Miller spoke of his firsthand look at the Wacissa River and the people in that community at the community picnic. Citizen Roland Brumbley stated that Nestle did not need to be in this county because all they wanted to do is rob us of our natural resources and not follow through on promises they make. He asked the Commission to do the right thing for the county.

13. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams brought up the issue of travel for new commissioner orientation. Commissioner Barfield expressed that sharing ideas and getting involved at a regional level was a good thing for keeping the county informed and involved. Commissioner Boyd agreed that certification was incredibly useful. Mr. Reams stated that travel policy would be placed on the next agenda. Commissioner Monroe applauded the certification program although he did not fully participate.
14. Commissioner Nelson thanked his supporters and stated he was happy to be there to help his county.
15. Commissioner Barfield thanked Commissioner Joyner for 12 years of service and asked for Julie Conley to be present at the workshop on Economic Development issues. She also requested that Kim Barnhill be present in the future to give her take on the septic tank issue. Mrs. Barfield also stated her desire to have Harry Reed from the Capital Regional Transportation Planning Authority present at a future meeting.
16. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.
17. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Barfield, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk