

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
January 4, 2011

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. On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, item c, the minutes of the December 16th, 2010 Regular Session, was pulled from the consent agenda. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the consent agenda, consisting of the approval of the agenda and the minutes of the December 16th, 2010 Code Enforcement Workshop was approved.
2. On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the minutes of the December 16th, 2010 Regular Session were approved, with the addition of the record of vote in favor of Resolution 10-121610-01 (Amending Rules of Procedure for JBOCC).
3. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher introduced the environmental review for CDBG Disaster Recover and Housing Grant. On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, the Unspecified Site Strategy for Housing Related Activities was approved.
4. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher introduced Meridian Community Services as the only respondent to the RFP for program administrative services for CDBG and related programs. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and unanimously carried, Meridian was approved. Commissioner Barfield asked where the revenues came from to pay for this service, to which Mr. Schleicher responded that administrative services were included in grant monies.
5. Fire Rescue Chief Mark Matthews introduced his request for contracted debt collection services with NCS Plus, Inc. He stated this was a way to increase revenues in order to help his office become self-sufficient. He explained that the county would purchase claims upfront and would get its initial investment back. Commissioner Barfield asked about the four verbal quotes required by the purchasing policy, to which Chief Matthews that piggy-backing Pasco County's contract fell under one of the exceptions allowed by the purchasing policy. Commissioner Boyd responded that it was similar to state contract exceptions. Commissioner Barfield asked if this was the best solution for taxpayers, to which Chief Matthews responded that it was the least invasive. Commissioner Barfield made a motion, to which Commissioner Monroe seconded for delaying until the county received four verbal quotes. Commissioner Monroe withdrew his second, due to a misunderstanding of the motion. Commissioner Barfield then repeated her motion, which died for lack of a second. On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and carried 4 to 1 (Barfield opposed), the Board approved Chief Matthews' request. Commissioner Barfield qualified her opposition by stating her belief that the county needed to get four verbal quotes.
6. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams introduced the lease and option agreement with the School Board for the "A" Building. Attorney Scott Shirley, representing the Board of County Commissioners, explained that if for any reason the county desired the title to the building before the expiration of the lease, the county would receive credit for previous payments. Commissioner Barfield asked if this building was surplus property of the School Board, to which Attorney Bird (representing the School Board) responded in the affirmative. Commissioner Barfield asked where the money was coming from for the lease payment, to which Clerk of Court Kirk Reams responded traffic revenues. Commissioner Barfield stated it seemed like the School Board was getting a good deal because the building was already owned by the public. Property Appraiser Angela Gray

- reminded the Board that the School Board did not get certain reimbursements from Amendments 1 and 4 and that this was a great way to support the school system via traffic ticket monies. Chairman Fulford stated that the building had been vacant for 20 years and there were some financial options available to attempt to preserve it. Commissioner Barfield asked if the Board could get out of the lease, to which Attorney Shirley replied in the affirmative, with the Commission stopping payments to the School Board. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, the Board accepted the lease and option with the School Board for the "A" Building.
7. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams introduced Resolution Number 11-010411-01, SCRAP Whitehouse Road project. Mr. Reams explained that DOT had approved funding in the amount of \$922,077. Commissioner Barfield asked if widening was allowed, to which Alan Wise of Preble-Rish responded that there could be some widening allowed if right-of-way was available. Commissioner Barfield responded that it was a beautiful canopy road and instructed Mr. Wise to try to keep it in that state. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the resolution was passed.
 8. Attorney Scott Shirley introduced the acceptance of infrastructure improvements at Heritage Hills subdivision and a maintenance agreement with Heritage Hills Development Corporation. Engineer Alan Wise with Preble-Rish stated that the deficiencies were minor and just more effort to control erosion issues was necessary. Chairman Fulford asked if, after the three year maintenance agreement, the county took over responsibility of the roads, to which Attorney Shirley responded in the affirmative. Commissioner Barfield asked what the county would be taking over, to which Attorney Shirley responded the right-of-ways and swales. Owner Doug Turner thanked the Commission for their help. Commissioner Boyd asked if the final layer of asphalt had been placed, to which Attorney Shirley responded in the affirmative. On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, the acceptance of improvements and the maintenance agreement were approved.
 9. Commissioner Barfield asked Attorney Bird to give some background information on Florida Statutes 137.01 to 137.10, Bonds of County Officers. Attorney Bird explained that the Tax Collector and Clerk of Court historically held bonds, but there has never been an ordinance by the county requiring these bonds. Commissioner Barfield stated her desire to have a committee with the Clerk, Tax Collector and Auditing Firm to bring back a recommendation at a future meeting.
 10. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher introduced a calendar of meetings, agendas and workshops for 2011. Commissioner Barfield requested a budget schedule be placed on the calendar as well as any information from Constitutional Officers as necessary. Chairman Fulford recommended placing meetings that individual commissioners had to attend on the calendar.
 11. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher requested that the 1993 Chevy Grapple Truck at the Road Department be surplused. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the request was approved.
 12. Planning Official Bill Tellefsen presented the EAR for the Board to familiarize themselves with and requested that the Board begin to consider having workshops on the Comprehensive Plan amendments. A workshop was set for January 18th at 6:00 pm at the Courthouse Annex.
 13. Citizen Paul Henry stated his disappointment with the "A" Building situation.

14. Commissioner Nelson asked about a vehicle change-out program, to which County Coordinator Roy Schleicher responded that the departments were working towards such a program.
15. Chairman Fulford requested a workshop to discuss the fire station issue. This meeting was set for February 7th at 9:00 am at the Courthouse Annex.
16. Commissioner Barfield brought up a re-districting issue and stated her desire to create a committee. She stated she felt that, based on registered voters, the districts were not equal. Commissioner Boyd responded that districts were divided based on population and the prison was in his district. He also stated the need to look at census data to see if re-districting was needed and, if so, let the Board handle it instead of people with political agendas. Commissioner Nelson responded that he had participated in the previous committee, which was a long process but a process that allowed citizen input. Chairman Fulford stated that when the census was made available, this issue would be addressed.
17. Commissioner Barfield presented an email she received from Road Superintendent David Harvey, in which he asked her whether she and Commissioner Nelson wanted him removed. She stated she felt disrespected by this email and that Mr. Harvey's behavior was inappropriate. She stated the need for this issue to be addressed. Commissioner Barfield also said this was an example of a reason why the county needed a county administrator position. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher stated he has had past issues with Mr. Harvey and that he needed the ability to handle any department head that crossed professional lines. Commissioner Barfield asked about any potential re-organization, to which Mr. Schleicher stated re-organization should not be done because of one individual. Commissioner Barfield stated that just because someone had a skill but was disrespectful did not mean that they had to be tolerated. Commissioner Nelson stated that he responded to the email by stating it was a Sunshine law violation for two commissioners to collaborate, that he did not deal in rumor mills and that he did his business at Commission meetings. He stated a desire for this to be handled at a personnel policy level. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher stated he needed the support of the Commission if he took action according to the personnel policy. Commissioner Nelson agreed that progressive discipline measures needed to be followed diligently.
18. Fire Rescue Chief Mark Matthews asked if the fire inspections issue could be addressed at the upcoming workshop. Chairman Fulford stated he would like to see it as an agenda item for the first meeting in February.
19. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.
20. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk