

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
January 20, 2011

The Board met this date in Regular Session. Present were 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. Commissioner Barfield asked if the Intersection Safety/Vehicle Counts item could be moved to General Business and also that General Business Item I be removed and addressed at the next meeting due to the matter coming to the Board after the deadline. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, the Consent Agenda, consisting of the approval of the agenda, minutes of the January 3, 2011 workshop and the minutes of the January 4, 2011 regular session was approved.
2. Alan Wise, engineer with Preble-Rish, presented his recommendation to go with low bidder Dixie Paving for the Industrial Park roadway extension in the amount of \$45,150. On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the Board approved this recommendation.
3. Extension Director John Lilly introduced Kristin Jackson, his recommendation for the Jefferson County Family Consumer Science Agent. On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the Board approved Mr. Lilly's recommendation.
4. Commissioner Boyd introduced the FDOT five-year work plan that he received while representing the Board at the Capital Regional Transportation Planning Authority. He requested that the Board begin to think about what it wanted to do with the pedestrian path / bicycle lane dollars. Commissioner Nelson stated that if there was no current deadline, then the discussion should be tabled for a later date. Commissioner Barfield stated that as an avid cyclist, she knew of several roads in the county for bicyclists. Commissioner Boyd suggested a workshop on the issue, which was set for March 28th at 3:30 pm at the Jefferson County Courthouse Annex.
5. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher introduced the discussion on the private road repair policy. He stated that the Board's first decision would be whether or not the Board desired to start this program at all. Traci Wood, representing the Valley View Homeowners Association, expressed her concern that the private road in their subdivision was a safety issue and that the HOA was unable to rent equipment due to lack of liability insurance and expertise. She explained that other small counties had adopted similar programs and she recommended the county evaluating the work on a case-by-case basis. Commissioner Barfield expressed concern that Chairman Fulford was not present at the meeting and that he needed to be involved in the decision. Commissioner Nelson desired more facts before making any final decision. Commissioner Monroe stated that the county did not have the manpower and that it could not be selective in doing the work. He also felt that there were many things to address before deciding to implement the program. Commissioner Boyd said he was in favor of the program and that employees could work on their days off. He also suggested tabling this to the next night meeting (February 17th) in order to have the full board present. On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, the discussion was tabled.
6. Alan Wise, engineer with Preble-Rish, advised the Board that it could receive lowered fees with the Northwest Florida Water Management District. He stated that the Board needed to officially recognize that the county population was under 50,000 and also that the millage rate was greater than 8 mills in order to qualify for reduced fees. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, the Board officially recognized the population estimate of 14,663 and the millage rate of 8.3226. Citizen David

Hall asked if this was also applicable to the Suwannee River Water Management District, to which Mr. Wise stated he would research and let the Board know.

7. County Attorney Buck Bird introduced the draft ordinance for elected official bonds. He stated that the Board needed to decide who should be bonded and stated that if a county officer handled money, he or she needed to be bonded. Commissioner Monroe asked if the Board needed to be bonded, to which Attorney Bird responded not necessarily because the Board had liability insurance for malfeasance. Commissioner Boyd asked Clerk of Court Kirk Reams to get estimates on the amounts and bring back to a future meeting.
8. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher introduced two grant agreements with Madison and Wakulla Counties for collecting hazardous waste in these locations and disposing of them. Commissioner Nelson stated his concern that safety measures be in place. Commissioner Barfield asked about liability issues, to which County Coordinator Schleicher stated these were controlled risks the county was prepared and covered for. On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, both grant agreements were approved.
9. Citizen C.P. Miller expressed his displeasure over the rules of procedure pertaining to the Board voting on extending the meeting past three hours. He stated that it was wrong to stop someone from presenting in order to take a vote and that the Board was there to take the time necessary in order to take care of business. Commissioner Boyd stated that this was in the rules to make sure that meetings were orderly and efficient and did not inconvenience citizens. He also said that the Board paid more attention when the meetings were approaching the three-hour mark. He disagreed firmly and stated it was one of the most effective things the Board had done with the rules. Commissioner Barfield apprised the Board of a statute where no meeting should go beyond 11 pm unless a majority of the Board agrees. Citizen Miller stated most people were concerned about the Board getting it done right. Commissioner Nelson stated it would appear rude to cut a speaker off and that it was up to the Chairman to move the meetings orderly and efficiently. Citizen Miller asked for an amendment for the rules to follow the statute. Commissioner Boyd stated he thought the Board had it correct and that he has not seen a rushed decision due to the rules. Citizen Miller wanted to know what the rest of the Board thought, to which Commissioner Boyd said a resolution would be needed to amend the rules. No further action was taken.
10. Commissioner Barfield stated her concern about safety issues at the intersection of Old Lloyd Road and Highway 90. She asked Alan Wise, engineer with Preble-Rish, to address ways to make the intersection safer in light of the recent auto accident resulting in a fatality at this location. Mr. Wise stated that it was a driver awareness issue that could be addressed with rumble strips, speed reductions and/or other signage. Mr. Wise said he would look into the issue and seek funding from all sources possible.
11. Chamber of Commerce President Gordon Dean told the Board that he and Clerk of Court Kirk Reams had agreed on local preference language for the purchasing policy and had submitted this language to County Attorney Bird. Commissioner Barfield stated the best way to get outside vendors to shop locally is local preference language.
12. Planning Official Bill Tellefsen presented comp plan amendments for the Board to review and requested future workshops on the issue. County Coordinator Schleicher stated that land use changes could not be made until this process was completed. A workshop was set for February 28th at 6 pm at the Jefferson County Courthouse Annex.
13. Commissioner Nelson expressed concern over lack of applicants for the disaster recovery program. County Coordinator Schleicher explained the lack of

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applicants was mostly due to the difficulty of proving the state of the pre-storm conditions of any damaged homes.

14. Commissioner Barfield requested a future update from the CRTPA and Director Harry Reid.
15. Commissioner Monroe stated that there were some problems with the boat ramp at the Wacissa River but that officials from FWC repaired the problem.
16. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.
17. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Nelson unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk