

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION  
February 03, 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 and Clerk of Court Kirk Reams.

1. Commissioner Barfield introduced Lynn Bannister with Senator Nelson's office. Ms. Bannister informed the Board she would be the primary contact for Jefferson County.
2. Property Appraiser Angela Gray representing the Jefferson County Schools Parent Involvement Committee invited the public to attend their meetings.
3. Property Appraiser Angela Gray along with former Property Appraisers Steve Walker and David Ward presented Jeannette Woodson with a plaque honoring her for 30 years of service.
4. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the Consent Agenda consisting of the approval of the agenda, the minutes of the January 20, 2011 Regular Session and the minutes of the January 24, 2011 Personnel Policy Workshop was approved.
5. On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, Commissioner Monroe was appointed as the county representative for the St. Marks River Preserve State Park.
6. Commissioner Barfield gave an example of receiving the personnel policy late and requested to receive workshop material in a timely fashion. Commissioner Boyd responded that it was important to maintain flexibility within the rules. Commissioner Nelson stated he would like to see public participation at the workshops. Commissioner Boyd responded that the Board needed a venue to talk amongst themselves informally. He stated that he would review the Rules of Procedure and bring back with any recommended revisions.
7. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher informed the Board that Road Superintendent David Harvey had attended an auction in order to investigate the potential cost of a used dump truck and dump trailer for increased hauling capacity. Commissioner Boyd stated that the budgeted line item was in place in order to avoid excessive private hauling costs experienced during the heavy spring rain season. Commissioner Monroe stated the need for more trucks. Commissioner Barfield asked if the Road Department was currently using dump trucks efficiently and stated she would like to look at the future possibilities of the mine before the Board moved forward. Chairman Fulford stated that no matter what happened to the mine, the county would still be hauling material in some capacity. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher informed the Board that a third dump truck would be used efficiently. On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the Board gave its permission for Road Department personnel to attend the Yoder and Frey auction to purchase a dump truck and dump trailer.
8. John Dailey presented the Board with a contract proposal to represent the BOCC on any potential claims stemming from the BP oil spill. He informed the Board that his team of economic and legal professionals would analyze the impact on revenue streams and file any significant claims on the county's behalf. Mr. Dailey explained that this would be of no cost to the county because his group would work on a 20% contingency basis. Commissioner Barfield asked if all costs from analyzing the revenue streams would come out of any settlements, to which Mr. Dailey responded in the affirmative. Commissioner Nelson expressed his opinion that this was a "win-win" situation. Commissioner Boyd stated he had a philosophical problem with this proposal and he could not imagine what damage

the county could have suffered. Chairman Fulford stated his desire to have counsel review the contract proposal. On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the Board tabled this matter to the next meeting.

9. Commissioner Barfield introduced the animal control ordinance discussion, explaining that Solid Waste/Animal Control Director Beth Thorne has had some issues in regards to collecting fines. It was Commissioner Barfield's opinion that the Board needed to take a look at the ordinance and shore it up in order to give Ms. Thorne the tools to do her job. County Attorney Buck Bird presented his recommended revisions to the current ordinance, consisting of fee changes and removing law enforcement from dangerous animal classification committees. Attorney Bird stated he would make the revisions and set the ordinance for a public hearing for the second meeting in March.
10. Chairman Fulford gave the Board an update on the North Florida Broadband Authority. He presented a proposal from Dr. McClure with Florida State University to assist Jefferson County in its plan for broadband capabilities. Cheryl Turner, representing Wilderness Coast Public Libraries, stated her support for the project and a desire to be included. Jefferson County Public Library staff member Natalie Binder concurred. Chairman Fulford asked the Board to consider the proposal and its \$20,000 cost and instructed County Coordinator Roy Schleicher to place this item on the next agenda.
11. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher introduced a proposal by Chief Matthews to surplus an older ambulance to North Florida Community College in exchange for training for his staff. Chief Matthews informed the Board that the classes were valued at \$5500 and would meet a continuing education requirement for his entire paid staff. On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.
12. Fire Chief Mark Matthews addressed the Board regarding Fire and Life Safety Inspections. He said that currently inspections were done by request with no avenue of enforcement if deficiencies were found. He further explained that the county ordinance consisted of "may" language, where referenced Florida Statute consisted of "shall" language. Attorney Bird responded that due to the lack of funds, the past Board did not feel it was in the position to take on the responsibility of inspections. Chief Matthews stated his concern with liability issues and also stated there was a lack of funding for a full-time inspector. He requested that the Board require annual inspections. A workshop on the issue was scheduled for March 17<sup>th</sup>.
13. On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the meeting was extended.
14. Citizen Paul Henry stated a consumer science agent was not a place for government, but fire inspection was. He also commended County Coordinator Roy Schleicher and Fire Chief Mark Matthews for the use of funds to purchase the dump truck and training classes, respectively.
15. Chairman Fulford requested County Coordinator Schleicher to see if Attorney Shirley was making progress on the Code Enforcement Ordinance.
16. Commissioner Nelson announced a Gospel-fest at the old high school on Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.
17. Commissioner Barfield stated her desire to see committee meetings and any information from Constitutional Officers published on the calendar on the county website.
18. Commissioner Monroe informed the Board that Anderson-Columbia desired to use South Salt Road to haul asphalt to a project on Highway 19. In exchange for

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use of the roadway, Anderson-Columbia offered to repair any damage within 30 days of use and also donate asphalt millings if the county could haul them away from the job site. Commissioner Barfield stated her desire to have the county engineering firm (Preble-Rish) evaluate this matter.

19. Commissioner Boyd asked the Board to reconsider having a monthly workshop for discussions.
20. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.
21. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Barfield unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

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Chairman