

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION  
March 17, 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, County Attorney Paula Sparkman and Clerk of Court Kirk Reams.

1. Commissioner Nelson requested that the proclamation for VFW Post 251 and Ladies Auxiliary 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Dinner & Banquet be moved to item g, under General Business.
2. Ann Holt announced a Main Street meeting on Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Clark-Avera House.
3. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the agenda was approved.
4. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, the minutes of the March 3, 2011 Regular Session were approved.
5. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams introduced the Local Preference language for the Purchasing Policy. Chamber President Gordon Dean made note that Leon County recently raised its local preference to 20%, while this proposal called for 5%. Commissioner Barfield stated she wanted to make sure that local vendors were competitive with their pricing when dealing with non-local businesses that were awarded county contracts. Gordon Dean responded that a non-local business that was awarded a county contract would have to demonstrate that local business could not cost effectively provide goods and services in order to avoid the 25% local business work target. Chairman Fulford asked about an RFQ situation. Mr. Dean responded that local companies would be awarded 5% of the total points scored. Attorney Sparkman stated she would prepare a resolution to amend the policy and bring back to the Board.
6. Commissioner Monroe introduced the April Water Conservation Month Proclamation. Commissioner Monroe stated he had talked to David Still with Suwannee River Water Management District, who had asked the Board to make this proclamation. Citizen David Hall stated that he had been told by the Commission in the past that this was not the responsibility of the Board. Commissioner Monroe responded that the water lying beneath the county was the Board's business. Citizen David Hall responded that the county was split into two water management districts that did not communicate, which he stated was a problem. Commissioner Barfield stated that the proclamation meant that the Board recognized the importance of conserving water. Chairman Fulford read the proclamation. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the Board approved the proclamation.
7. Attorney Paula Sparkman presented the Dangerous Animal Ordinance as updated. Commissioner Barfield asked Solid Waste/Animal Control Director Beth Thorne if the ordinance was now sufficient, to which Ms. Thorne responded in the affirmative. Commissioner Barfield inquired as to whether the citation matched the ordinance, to which Attorney Sparkman responded in the affirmative. Commissioner Barfield asked how unpaid fees were handled. Attorney Sparkman responded that if fees were not paid within 30 days, the animal would be considered abandoned. Ms. Thorne stated that once considered abandoned, the animal would be adopted out or euthanized. Any fees incurred would be pursued through the court system. Chairman Fulford asked that the ordinance be advertised and set for a public hearing on April 21<sup>st</sup>.
8. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher reported that CW Roberts had finished work at the College Park Horse Arena. He also informed the Board that Engineer Alan Wise, with Preble-Rish, was completing paperwork for the Northwest Florida Water Management District permit. Commissioner Barfield asked about the future use of that facility, to which County Coordinator Schleicher responded that the County

Extension Office would oversee the facility and plan for its use. Citizen Gordon Dean informed the Board that the arena floor was currently covered in rock and gravel and that large amounts of soil would need to be brought in before the facility could be used for horses. County Coordinator Schleicher responded that the facility was not a finished product and there could be years of work remaining before it was complete.

9. Solid Waste Director Beth Thorne and citizen Phil Calandra presented a slideshow outlining the recommendations proposed by the committee addressing solid waste collection sites. Mr. Calandra stated the goal was to avoid site closures while making improvements. The proposal outlined three service levels: sites manned daily; sites manned on a limited basis; and sites unmanned with controlled access and cameras. Mr. Calandra showed a map of the sites, displaying proposed service levels and schedules of operation. Mr. Calandra also displayed a table showing the cost estimates of these improvements. Commissioner Barfield inquired about controlled, gated access. Ms. Thorne responded that sites could be monitored by video surveillance and citations could be sent for violations. Commissioner Boyd stated that he had received a fair amount of complaints over access to the sites. Ms. Thorne responded that her proposal included walkthrough gates. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher stated that the public should get better accustomed to site schedules. Commissioner Boyd voiced concern over using any fiscally constrained dollars in the improvement proposal. It was the consensus of the Board to allow Ms. Thorne to bring the proposal back during budget season.
10. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams introduced the request to approve the Crime/Employee Dishonesty Policy. He recommended the coverage limit of \$250,000 per occurrence, which had an annual premium of \$1000. Mr. Reams further explained that this policy would provide more comprehensive coverage than individually bonding elected officials. Mr. Reams stated that the policy covered Commissioners, all employees of the Board, Constitutional Officers and all employees of Constitutional Officers. Commissioner Barfield stated she was comfortable with this coverage in addition to the Public Officials Liability Insurance currently in force. On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Crime/Employee Dishonesty policy at the \$250,000/occurrence coverage limit.
11. Commissioner Nelson introduced and read a proclamation recognizing the VFW Post 251 and Ladies Auxiliary 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Dinner. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and unanimously carried, the Board approved the proclamation.
12. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented department head reports to the Board.
13. The Vision Plan and Private Dirt Road Program workshop was scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm at the Jefferson County Courthouse Annex.
14. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher informed the Board of a washed-out pipe at Aucilla Christian Academy that the Road Department will be addressing with the assistance of County Engineer Alan Wise.
15. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher informed the Board that he was scheduling a future meeting with Randy Hatch to review the County's mine operations. Commissioner Barfield stated she would like to see what the scope of work is and voiced concern with ignoring the engineer's previous recommendation. Commissioner Boyd responded that Mr. Hatch has agreed to meet with county staff free of charge. Commissioner Barfield responded that she desired Mr. Hatch to work with the county engineer and county staff without involving the Board.
16. Citizen David Hall voiced concern over the county ordinance not being enforced in relation to ticketed events at the softball field near his residence. He stated there must be traffic control by off-duty police officers and that no more than six ticketed events could take place annually. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher said he would ask Attorney Shirley to interpret what the county had in its code. Chairman Fulford asked Attorney Sparkman to review the entertainment ordinance and provide suggestions for improvement. Sheriff Hobbs stated the biggest issues were safety on the roadway and manpower.

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17. Citizen Paul Henry spoke about potential evidentiary problems with enforcing citations via cameras at landfill sites.
18. Commissioner Barfield stated she would be introducing a "Hands-Off" Policy at the next meeting in regards to Commissioners staying out of the day-to-day operations of departments. Commissioner Boyd stated he would like to present language as well.
19. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.
20. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Nelson unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

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Chairman

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Clerk