

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
April 7, 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 Buck Bird and Clerk of Court Kirk Reams.

1. Commissioner Barfield requested that item D, approval of mediation settlement agreement regarding former county employee Angela Scott, be moved to General Business as item E.
2. On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the Consent Agenda, consisting of approval of the agenda, minutes of the March 17th, 2011 Regular Session, and minutes of the March 17th, 2011 Workshop, was approved.
3. Commissioner Barfield introduced the CRTPA appointment item on the agenda. Commissioner Barfield stated that Commissioner Joyner was previously the Board's representative with Commissioner Boyd serving as the alternate. She commented that Commissioner Boyd has been serving since Commissioner Joyner left the Board. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the Board approved Commissioner Boyd as its CRTPA representative with Commissioner Barfield as the alternate for this year and to readdress the county's appointee on a yearly basis.
4. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams introduced the SCRAP submittal recommendation item on the agenda. Mr. Reams presented the Board with a list of previous SCRAP and SCOP projects received. County Engineer Alan Wise, with Preble-Rish, explained that many elements went into the criteria for DOT to award grant money. Among the criteria were agricultural traffic, connectivity, evacuation route capability and, most importantly, pavement conditions. Mr. Wise recommended submitting Lloyd Creek Road for the county's SCRAP submittal. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the Board approved Lloyd Creek Road as the county's SCRAP submittal.
5. Commissioner Barfield introduced the "Commissioner Hands-Off" policy item on the agenda. She explained that she would like to see the County Coordinator position function as an administrator. Commissioner Barfield explained the need for the County Coordinator to do the job of managing the department heads. Attorney Bird commented that the Board has no authority to punish other elected officials in relation to censure for malfeasance. Commissioner Barfield commented that she liked Commissioner Boyd's resolution and would like to incorporate it into her proposed resolution. She further stated that micro-managing by Commissioners does not allow the County Coordinator to his job effectively. Commissioner Nelson stated that there needed to be a position description to define the duties of the County Coordinator. Commissioner Boyd agreed with Commissioner Nelson and stated that the previous Board had given the issue of establishing a County Coordinator position much

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- thought. Commissioner Boyd further stated he had an issue with Commissioner Barfield's proposed language, stating it was a "Commissioners do nothing" policy, which he said was the extreme opposite of what the voters wanted. Commissioner Boyd stated he has spent a lot of time with Road Superintendent David Harvey in order to learn what he does and could not have researched an issue like the chip-seal process if he was worried about censure. Commissioner Boyd commented that whenever he gets involved in a county issue, he informs the County Coordinator. Commissioner Barfield agreed that the Board needed to be involved in order to get things accomplished, but that it should be the decision of the entire Board to allow Commissioners to get involved in certain areas. She further commented that she would like to see the entire Board involved in decision making, not just one Commissioner. Commissioner Monroe responded that he had never told a Department Head what to do and had never gone around the County Coordinator. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher stated that the county had reached a point where five Commissioners could not run nine departments and that the personnel policy and County Coordinator job description needed to be tied to any proposed resolution. Commissioner Boyd commented that this was a good conversation to have in order to understand each others expectations and that groups do a better job of decision-making than individuals. Commissioner Boyd expressed concern with tying the hands of the Board with bureaucracy. Attorney Bird stated his belief that the term "non-interference" instead of "hands-off" should be used in any future proposed resolution. Commissioner Nelson stated his belief that the Board was not ready to resolve the issue at this time and that the Board did not need to hastily adopt a resolution on this issue. It was the consensus of the Board to readdress this issue at a later meeting.
6. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented a draft ordinance from Dr. Fred Vose, of Taylor County, pertaining to a proposed 300 ft. no wake zone in the vicinity of the Aucilla River Landing Boat Ramp. Chairman Fulford asked Attorney Bird if the county had the authority to implement this ordinance, to which Attorney Bird responded that Attorney Sparkman was researching the issue and would bring back before the Board at a later meeting.
 7. On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the Board approved the mediation settlement agreement regarding former county employee Angela Scott.
 8. County Library Director Kitty Brooks reported on a recent trip to the state legislature. She stated that she is optimistic on funding issues despite a senate proposal for zero state aid for libraries. Commissioner Barfield asked how the Board could help, to which Mrs. Brooks replied they could help by contacting local delegates. Commissioner Nelson responded that he would be happy to get in touch with several of his state contacts.
 9. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher stated that the Road Department recently did a good job on the storm drain situation at Aucilla Christian Academy.
 10. Citizen Paul Henry stated that he would rather see money go towards the library than the "A" Building and encouraged the Board to spend less money than in the past.

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Chairman Fulford responded that, as a county, we are operating with less revenue than five years ago with very little debt.

11. Commissioner Boyd stated his desire to have a workshop at the county mine with volunteer Randy Hatch. Henry Gohlke, with the Road Department, stated that the public could not be at the mine—even if it was not in operation—due to safety concerns. The workshop was set for May 10th at 9:00 AM at the Jefferson County Courthouse Annex.
12. Commissioner Barfield stated her desire to form a financial advisory committee to help formulate an investment policy for the county. She stated her hope was to use local citizens on the committee to bring a recommendation to the Board. Commissioner Nelson responded that he would like a constituent named Roosevelt Brooks to be considered.
13. Commissioner Nelson thanked the Commissioners for the proclamation in honor of the VFW Post 251.
14. Attorney Bird informed the Board that via a letter of intent the Boland family had been given a temporary easement over an old trail road through the ten acres owned by the county at the head of the Wacissa River. He further explained that the county reserved the right to move this access to the north and east thirty foot perimeter. Chairman Fulford asked if the Boland family was responsible for establishing the thirty foot easement. Attorney Bird responded that the Boland family was responsible for establishing the easement, but the county could reserve the timber rights. Commissioner Barfield asked if there was a time limit on the temporary access, to which Attorney Bird responded that there was not and the county could exercise its right to have the access moved at any time. Commissioner Monroe stated that people were concerned that two easements have been granted but that in actuality that was not the case. Chairman Fulford asked if the Board could send the Boland family a letter. Attorney Bird stated he could write a letter to the Boland family asking them to make no further improvements or perform any logging transportation along the temporary access road. Attorney Bird stated there was still the issue of the Boland family's offer of an alternative landing off Brumbley Road. It was the consensus of the Board to authorize Attorney Bird draft a letter regarding the easement. Commissioner Monroe stated that the county had no access to the river from Brumbley Road.
15. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.
16. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Nelson unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk