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JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
June 2, 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. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, the agenda was approved.
2. On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the minutes of the May 5, 2011 and May 19, 2011 Regular Sessions were approved with recommended revisions by Commissioner Barfield.
3. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher announced that work had been completed at the College Park Horse Arena and that the Northwest Florida Water Management District had sent notice of conversion from a construction phase to an operation and maintenance phase. He further stated that he would be taking the Extension Office's staff to overview the facility.
4. Commissioner Barfield introduced the Investment Policy that was drafted by the Investment Committee. She stated her focus on liquidity, safety and return on investment. Commissioner Barfield commended Committee members Roosevelt Brooks, Allen & Rodney Reams, County Coordinator Roy Schleicher and Clerk of Court Kirk Reams. Commissioner Boyd expressed his desire to keep monies in local institutions. Commissioner Barfield commented that the committee had spoken of this desire extensively. County Attorney Paula Sparkman offered some minor revisions to be incorporated in the final draft. On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, the Investment Policy was approved.
5. Commissioner Barfield requested that the Community Traffic Safety Team be re-convened. Commissioner Monroe commented that the committee had not disbanded, but that on previous occasions the FDOT representative could not attend and meetings were therefore not held. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher stated the next meeting on June 14th would be a re-organization meeting. Commissioner Monroe stated his desire to continue serving as the Board's representative.
6. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams presented a resolution accepting the Waukeelah Highway SCOP project. Engineer Alan Wise informed the Board that the road would be widened from 20 feet to 24 feet. Commissioners Boyd and Barfield expressed a desire to incorporate a bike lane. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, Resolution No. 11-060211-01 was approved.
7. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher stated that attorneys were reviewing contract paperwork involving the consulting services of Randy Hatch for work at the mine. Mr. Schleicher stated that he would be reviewing the scope of work and costs with Mr. Hatch in the near future. Commissioner Boyd stated his desire to be building inventory at the mine because if the Commissioner proceeded, there would need to be a shutdown period

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of at least 2 months and hurricane season was upon us. Commissioner Barfield stated she was not in favor of the mine continuing to operate during this period. She further stated that it was shortsighted to not put out an RFP for consulting services or to put other options on the table such as the potential to do a lease/partnership arrangement. She said that operating the mine competed with private businesses the same way that some members of the Board felt the private road program competed with private businesses. Commissioner Barfield stated she felt that the county could buy the product for cheaper than it could produce it and that in talking with experts, the county would need to produce 250,000 tons of good product to break even. She voiced that it was difficult to idly stand by when she felt that the county was losing money by operating the mine. Chairman Fulford responded that all options were on the table and that if the plan Mr. Hatch recommended was not feasible, other options would be explored. Commissioner Monroe agreed that if the proposal cost too much, then other options would be analyzed. Commissioner Nelson concurred. Commissioner Boyd commented that the county mine would not be considered much competition to other private businesses. Commissioner Barfield stated that if she is proven wrong with the mine, then she will "be quiet and sit down."

8. Citizen Paul Henry stated that the spending mentality started here in the county and that the county should set an example by sending grant monies back.
9. Commissioner Monroe stated that because of a quota issue, loggers would currently be unable to timber the easement route on the ten acre parcel at the Wacissa River.
10. Commissioner Barfield stated that Planning Attorney Scott Shirley would be providing recommended language for Planning Commissioner By-laws at the next meeting. She also stated her desire to invite Congressman Steve Southerland to Jefferson County to visit with the Board, Constitutional Officers and the public. Commissioner Nelson responded that all community leaders needed to be involved.
11. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.
12. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Boyd unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk