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JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
June 16, 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 Monroe requested that the General Business item concerning the Personnel Policy Review and Discussion be pulled from the Agenda due to expected time constraints. Commissioner Barfield expressed a desire to address the Personnel Policy as it had been an item on the shelf for over a year and that there were only two unresolved issues related to this item. Commissioner Boyd stated that the Board had been talking about this item for three years and that he did not see why waiting a few more weeks would make a difference. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and carried 4 to 1 (Barfield opposed), the Personnel Policy discussion was removed from the agenda and tabled to the next meeting.
2. On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the minutes of the June 2, 2011 Regular Session were approved.
3. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams introduced the Resolution for the Watermill Road CIGP project. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the Board approved Resolution No. 11-061611-01, Watermill Road CIGP Joint Project Agreement.
4. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams introduced Budget Amendments adding authority to expend reimbursable funds for the White House Road SCRAP project, CIGP Watermill Road project and the Waukeenah Highway SCOP project.
5. Marianne Arbulu, with the Jefferson County Health Department Tobacco-Free Jefferson Partnership Program, introduced Resolution No. 11-061611-02, urging tobacco retailers to restrict/prohibit the sale of flavored tobacco products. On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the resolution was approved.
6. Planning Attorney Scott Shirley introduced the Planning Commission By-laws Discussion. Chairman Fulford started by stating that the discussion was not directed at the Planning Commission or any individual commissioners, but that the process has been unknown/undefined and needed to be addressed. Attorney Shirley recommended addressing five Planning Commission seats in the first year and five Planning Commission seats in the second year, one from each district to allow staggering. He further recommended that the process begin with the first round of appointments/reconfirmations this September. Chairman Fulford asked whose responsibility it would be to manage these appointments, to which Attorney Shirley replied the County Coordinator. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams asked if September would be a good time frame due to the proximity of the election cycle. Attorney Shirley responded that newly elected Commissioners may not be ready to make appointments if it was toward the beginning of the calendar year. Commissioner Boyd said that it was not always easy to get good Planning Commissioners and there were currently districts that had more than two representatives. He suggested making four of the seats at-large

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- appointments voted on by the Board. Commissioner Monroe commented that Commissioners should make every attempt to appoint from his/her own district. Attorney Shirley asked for approval for a policy stating that committees would be re-evaluated/re-appointed in the September timeframe. Mr. Shirley stated that to address attendance issues, he recommended language stating if a member misses two of three consecutive meetings unexcused, then he or she would be subject to removal by the Planning Commission members. Mr. Shirley recommended three years as the term length for Planning Commissioners. Mr. Shirley concluded by stating he would bring back these revisions and recommendations to the Board at a later date.
7. Attorney Scott Shirley introduced the Code Enforce Ordinance Revisions and Review agenda item. Commissioner Monroe reiterated that he believed the county did not need a Code Enforcement Board at this time because of the cost and that it was tough times economically for residents. Chairman Fulford explained that the county was not changing a lot of what the county currently does, but is just clarifying and allowing for due process. Commissioner Boyd responded that he did not think the county would have to spend funds to perform this function. Planning Official Bill Tellefsen stated that the ordinance would be advertised for public hearing for the second meeting in July.
 8. Dick Bailar, on behalf of the Legislative Committee, introduced a proposal from Dr. Chapin of Florida State University's Urban and Regional Planning Department. The proposal included not just analyzing interchange uses but provided a total comprehensive look at the entire county. Mr. Bailar asked that the Board approve the proposal at the cost of \$10,000 this fiscal year and \$10,000 next fiscal year. Economic Development Director Julie Conley stated that the proposal comes at a great time with the work being done on the county Vision Plan and that the proposal was needed to help support decisions. Dr. Chapin explained that most of the work would be performed by graduate students under the direction of department faculty and professional staff. Commissioner Barfield asked how this would work with the site-specific zoning proposal being considered. Dr. Chapin responded that this was a bigger picture document that would help shape the work of site-specific zoning. Commissioner Boyd stated that this proposal was the missing piece and that it was a small investment considering what other counties have paid for similar work. He also felt the county could make much better decisions by utilizing this tool. Commissioner Nelson stated it was a wise investment to have professionals developing a tool that the county can draw from in order to be better prepared for growth. Citizen Ann Holt asked about public input. Citizen Phil Calandra responded that input would be gathered from the community throughout many review periods. Commissioner Boyd asked if public workshops could be involved in the process, to which Dr. Chapin responded in the affirmative. On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the Board approved the proposal.
 9. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented the request to distribute RFQ for Mine Consulting Services. He explained that the committee consisting of Alan Wise, Hines Boyd, John McHugh and himself decided an RFQ would be the best option. Chairman Fulford stated that the Board needed to cast a wide net for advertising. Commissioner Boyd responded that the proposal was so specific that the county would likely not receive many responses. Mr. Schleicher stated that language suggested by Commissioner Barfield would be included, which was a five year budget and strategic plan. Commissioner Boyd responded that a five year budget would be impossible because this was an evolving process. Chairman Fulford responded that Mr. Hatch had a good idea of the stages and a financial requirement could be assigned to each stage of the process.

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Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated that a business plan with measurable phases that could be evaluated would be necessary. Commissioner Barfield commented that inter-local agreements and marketing of byproducts would be crucial to the success of the mine operation. She asked if there was an opt-out option, to which Mr. Schleicher responded in the affirmative and that it was at the Board's discretion. Citizen Phil Calandra asked why the county was discussing the sale of product, to which Chairman Fulford responded the only way the mining operation for county use would be sustainable was if the county was able to supply other entities with materials. Citizen Phil Calandra stated that this RFQ looked like a constructed sole source, to which Mr. Schleicher responded that the RFQ was broad enough that anyone in the mining business could reply. Commissioner Barfield responded that she was pleased the county was moving in this direction with the RFQ and that this was what the public needed. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and unanimously carried, the Board approved the request to distribute an RFQ for mine consultant services.

10. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented Department Head reports to the Board. Commissioner Barfield asked for a report on how much was spent and how much was collected on ambulance fees.
11. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented a letter from GoRail requesting a letter of opposition to legislation increasing truck weight on roads to 17,000 lbs. It was Mr. Schleicher's recommendation that the Board not respond and by consensus the Board accepted Mr. Schleicher's recommendation.
12. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented By-laws for the Recreation Park, prepared by Recreation Park Director Mike Holm and Henry Gohlke. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated that any park fees should be deposited into a county maintained and audited account. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher stated he would bring back the proposed by-laws with any revisions deemed necessary.
13. Commissioner Monroe stated that he was having trouble getting quotes for logging timber along the easement of the Wacissa River property.
14. Commissioner Nelson stated his desire to see recreation in the area of Hopkins Landing and also gave an update on the Jefferson Warriors football program.
15. Commissioner Barfield informed the Board of a problem that was being addressed by Progress Energy at the interchange in Lloyd. She stated her disappointment in not addressing the Personnel Policy at tonight's meeting.
16. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.
17. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Barfield unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk