

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION  
December 1, 2011

The Board met this date in regular session. Present were Chairman Hines Boyd, Commissioners Betsy Barfield, Hines Boyd, Stephen Fulford and Danny Monroe. Also present were County Coordinator Roy Schleicher, County Attorney Buck Bird and Clerk of Court Kirk Reams.

**ITEM 2(b): Cheryl Turner – 19 years of service to Wilderness Coast**

1. Library Director Kitty Brooks recognized Cheryl Turner for her 19 years of service to Wilderness Coast Libraries.

**ITEM 3: Consent Agenda**

2. **On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the consent agenda was approved.**

**ITEM 4: Citizen's Request & Input on Non-Agenda Items**

3. Citizen Gene Hall asked the Board to consider placing casinos and slot-machines on the referendum.
4. Nancy Wideman, representing the TDC, stated that the bicycle plan was a positive thing for the county.

**ITEM 5(a): Lines of Communication**

5. Chairman Boyd stated that he desired to follow the balance of making sound decisions without enduring lengthy meetings. He stated he would do his best to expedite meetings given his the fact he has contributory.
6. Commissioner Barfield stated her desire to the Clerk be the point person for the scheduling at the Annex, to which Clerk of Court Kirk Reams agreed. Commissioner Barfield stated that the County Coordinator needed to be the individual responsible for advising the Commissioners if meetings have been cancelled. Commissioner Fulford stated that currently the Clerk performed this function and he felt it should stay that way, to which Commissioner Barfield acquiesced, stating she just wanted to see the process followed. Commissioner Barfield stated a desire to have a memo concerning the bicycle master plan that provided more information.

**ITEM 5(b): Board and Planning Attorney Contracts**

7. Commissioner Fulford presented both contracts to the Board and stated that the contract provided for an allotment of 15 hours of service per month. Commissioner Barfield stated her desire to hold off voting on Attorney Bird's contract until the next meeting due to it being received late. **On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, Attorney Shirley's contract was accepted and Attorney Bird's contract was delayed until the next meeting.**

**ITEM 5(c): Small County Coalition Appointments**

8. **On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, Commissioner Nelson was approved as the second county delegate to the Small County Coalition, replacing Commissioner Fulford.** Chairman Boyd remained the first delegate, with County Coordinator Roy Schleicher listed as the county contact.

**ITEM 5(d): Jefferson County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan**

9. Harry Reid, with the Capital Regional Transportation Authority, introduced the item on the agenda and explained that there was \$85,000 in planning grants now available. Jennifer Hoover, with Renaissance Planning Group, gave a presentation addressing the bicycle and pedestrian master plan. Commissioner Barfield requested analyzing pedestrian issues at the high school and the Courthouse.

**ITEM 2(c): Interstate-10 Interchange Master Plan**

10. Project Manager Dave Mulholland gave a slideshow presentation explaining the I-10 Interchange Master Plan. Representatives from FDOT explained that they would be set up outside as part of a public hearing to answer any questions.

**ITEM 5(e): Wacissa Post Office Property Assessment Issues**

11. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented the issue of a landowner being charged landfill and fire assessments on buildings and property leased to the federal government for the Wacissa Post Office. Commissioner Fulford inquired as to whether other post offices were being charged in the county, to which Property Appraiser Angela Gray responded in the negative. Commissioner Barfield asked why the county did not assess other governments, to which Commissioner Nelson responded there could possibly be no authority to tax a higher level of government. **On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the Board approved the removal of the Fire and Landfill Assessment against government structures while continuing to assess Ad Valorem taxes against the private landowner.**

**ITEM 5(f): Lamont Kaleidoscope Property**

12. Economic Development Director Julie Conley informed the Board that this parcel in the Lamont area was for sale and that the property owner was interested in possibly selling it to the county at a discounted rate. Chairman Boyd responded that he met with the landowners and that the land was being offered to the county at half its listed price. Stewart Proctor, representing the property owners, informed the Board that the property was located two parcels below the Lamont School House property. Chairman Boyd stated that this was a good economic development opportunity, to which Clerk of Court Kirk Reams and Commissioner Monroe concurred. Commissioner Barfield asked why the county had to purchase the property in order to use it as a tool in the county's economic development toolbox. Commissioner Fulford responded that the purpose of the county owning it was to have control over the potential marketability of the property for economic development purposes, to which Clerk of Court Kirk Reams concurred. Commissioner Fulford asked for a tour of the facilities. Citizen Gordon Dean recommended due diligence be performed before purchasing the property. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated he would arrange for tours of the building and have this item placed on the next agenda.

**ITEM 6(a): County Coordinator's Report – Grievance Board Appointees**

13. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher requested that the Chair and Vice-Chair be considering two appointments and two alternates each, along with his required appointment and alternate. He requested that this be on the next agenda.
14. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented applicants for the Code Enforcement Board, Planning Commission and Parks & Recreation Board. He requested these be placed on the next agenda.
15. Chairman Boyd stated that the Commissioners should make a trip to the mine to see its operations. Assistant County Coordinator Henry Gohlke requested that potential visitors call him and schedule a time for him to take them to the mine for safety precautions.

**ITEM 7: Citizen's Forum**

16. Citizen Phil Calandra asked if the material at the mine would be tested and if quantities could be measured, to which County Coordinator Schleicher responded that Randy Hatch would be taking care of both aspects.
17. Citizen Dianne Westbrook stated that the Road Department had always responded to any of her requests in a timely manner. She also complained of the Solid Waste sites being inconveniently closed. Solid Waste Director Beth Letchworth stated that walk-through gates were being installed.
18. Citizen Santa Hokanson voiced concern with the FSU Studio Group not meeting with Planning Commission. Chairman Boyd responded that the Planning Commission had the same opportunity that individual County Commissioners had in attending and participating in the two public workshops. Commissioner Barfield stated that the LPA and the Planning Commission needed to be reached out to. Commissioner Fulford stated that the FSU group was intended to be a fresh set of eyes and the Planning Commission could take their viewpoint and see how it fits in the county.

**ITEM 8: Commissioner Discussion Items**

19. Commissioner Barfield requested an update on the Teague Landing situation in Wacissa and also requested placing the CRTPA appointment on the December 15<sup>th</sup> agenda.
20. Commissioner Monroe stated he was waiting on the Army Corps of Engineers to permit the dredging at the Wacissa River.
21. Commissioner Fulford gave an update on the NFBA, with assistance from Clerk of Court Kirk Reams.
22. Chairman Boyd requested a workshop on Solid Waste services for 4 pm on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

23. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.

**ITEM 11: Adjournment**

**24. On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

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Chairman

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