

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
December 15, 2011

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

ITEM 3: Consent Agenda

1. Chairman Boyd requested that item 5(b) CDBG Housing Disaster Recovery be moved into the consent agenda. Commissioner Fulford requested a memorandum of understanding be added for the North Florida Broadband Authority to book in-kind assets from Jefferson County for the matching requirement. **On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the Board approved adding this item to the agenda.** Clerk of Court Kirk Reams requested that item 5(i) Fire and Solid Waste Assessment study update proposal be moved to the second item under General Business, after the Memorandum of Understanding with NFBA. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher requested that item 5(k) Road Department Organization and Service Delivery be tabled to the January 5th meeting. Mr. Schleicher also requested that item 5(f) Aucilla River No-Wake Zone Voting Ordinance be moved to a later meeting. **On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the Consent Agenda with the above modifications was approved.**

ITEM 5: Memorandum of Understanding – North Florida Broadband Authority

2. Donny Lort, with the NFBA, presented a MOU with Jefferson County listing in-kind assets to be incorporated into the network design. **On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the MOU was approved.**

ITEM 5(i): Fire & Solid Waste Assessment Study Update Proposal

3. Jeff Rackley, with Government Services Group, presented a proposal piggy-backing on the Madison County contract. The proposal was for performing a study of the Fire and Solid Waste assessments. Chairman Boyd expressed reservations on having this study done. He asked if this was in the budget, to which Clerk of Court Kirk Reams responded in the affirmative. Commissioner Fulford stated that he was concerned that the county did not have the personnel capacity to perform this study. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated that, to his knowledge, the assessments had not been evaluated since their inception. Commissioner Fulford inquired about the square footage method of assessing Solid Waste. Mr. Rackley responded that this method that was currently being done by the county was extremely rare and he was unsure of a correlation between square footage of a commercial facility and the solid waste generated. **On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried 4 to 1 (Boyd opposed), the Board approved the proposal's scope and services and accepted the results of the Madison County RFP.**

ITEM 5(a): Christmas Gift Certificates

4. **On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the Board approved \$25 Gift Certificates for each County and Constitutional employee.**

ITEM 5(c): Parks Advisory Board Appointments

5. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented the Advisory Board recommendations. **On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the Parks Advisory Board recommended appointments of Nick Flynt, Chris Eades and Jeffrey Singleton were approved.**

ITEM 5(d): Planning Commission Appointments

6. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented Planning Commission applications to the Board. **On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following applicants to the Planning Commission at the recommendation of each Commissioner whose district is represented: District 1 Jay Adams; District 2 Gene Hall; District 3 Mike Bonfanti; and District 4 John Iarussi.**

ITEM 5(e): Grievance Committee Appointments

7. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented Kitty Brooks as his appointee with John Peck as an alternate. Commissioner Nelson presented Annie Severin as his appointee with Walter Ghee as an alternate. Chairman Boyd presented Kathy Lollar as his appointee with no alternate at this time. **On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Barfield, and unanimously carried, the appointments were approved.**

ITEM 5(g): Courthouse Annex Employee Parking Lot

8. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams presented a proposal from Riley Palmer recommending Benners Contracting to construct a curbed, gravel employee parking lot behind the Tax Collector's Office. He explained that the money for this project would come from the Courthouse Facilities funding. Citizen Bill Moon with the Jefferson Arts Gallery expressed concerns over flooding issues, but stated that the lot would be a great advantage for the Art Center to utilize. Commissioner Fulford expressed his desire have the project bid. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated concern over bidding without having a set of construction documents. **On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the Board approved Riley Palmer to act as Construction Manager on the project and for him to bring back quotes at a later meeting.**

ITEM 5(h): Lamont Kaleidoscope Property

9. Chairman Boyd stated that he had spoken to the owners of the property and that there were no roof issues with the building. He stated that an offer of \$45,000 for a property on the market for \$90,000 was a good deal. Commissioner Nelson expressed concerns over the roof. Commissioner Barfield stated that she felt the county would be stepping away from its core services in purchasing the building. She gave her opinion that the property was in terrible shape and that the county needed an estimate of what it would cost to fix

the building. Chairman Boyd responded that the building could serve as a small business incubator and that he was certain it would not cost much to repair the facility. Commissioner Monroe stated that a contractor needed to analyze the building. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams expressed disappointment that a company that employed 36 people at its high point was no longer in the county. Commissioner Fulford stated that the facility was far from top notch. Citizen Dick Bailar stated that the Board should negotiate and make a lower counter-offer. Chairman Boyd responded that he had asked the owners to complete donate the building for tax purposes and they declined to do so. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and carried 4 to 1 (Boyd opposed), the Board declined the offer.**

ITEM 5(j): Parks Department Issues

10. Commissioner Barfield stated she would like for the Board to hold off on naming the Recreation Park on Mamie Scott Drive until some guiding principles were established. She further stated that there were opportunities to raise money by people paying to have their names on buildings, parks, etc. Commissioner Nelson agreed with Commissioner Barfield. Chairman Boyd stated his opinion that selling names to public buildings is offensive. Commissioner Fulford responded that this was a recommendation that came from the Parks Advisory Board and that the park currently has no official name. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher stated he would work with Commissioner Barfield on guiding principles for the naming of government facilities.
11. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher informed the Board of some lighting issues at the Recreation Park ball fields. Citizen David Priesel gave his opinion on the electrical issues at the Rec Park. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher stated he would give the lighting issues out to bid once he obtained the proper information from Progress Energy.
12. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher informed the Board of the dilapidated of the concession stand at the Recreation Park. He explained that he would bring a design from engineer Preble-Rish back to the Board for the replacement of this facility.

ITEM 5(n): Board Appointments Discussion

13. Commissioner Barfield stated her desire that any time there was an appointment to a committee that represented and/or received money from the County Commission that she would like to see the appointment come before the Board for the Commissioners to have the opportunity to make recommendations. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher responded that the county was unaware of the recent appointment made by the Apalachee Regional Planning Council until it had already taken place. Commissioner Monroe stated that any representative of this county should come before the Board of County Commissioners.

ITEM 5(o): County Attorney Contract

14. **On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, the Board approved the attorney contract with Bird & Sparkman.**

ITEM 6(a): County Coordinator's Report

15. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented the Department Head reports to the Board. Commissioner Nelson expressed concern over equipment breakdowns and expressed his desire to increase preventative maintenance measures.

ITEM 7: Citizen's Forum

16. Citizen Dick Bailar stated that the Board should consider making a lower offer on the Kaleidoscope property.
17. Citizen Paul Henry stated that the Board should compare internal versus external costs when evaluating proposals.
18. Citizen C.P. Miller stated that public comment should take place after Commission discussion items in order for the public to respond to issues spoken on by the Commissioners.

ITEM 8: Commissioner Discussion Items

19. Commissioner Barfield informed the Board that a collegiate bike race was coming to the county on February 11th and 12th. She gave a quick update on the potential for the Big Bend Horseman's Association holding a show at the Horse Arena.
20. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.

ITEM 11: Adjournment

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

Attest: _____

Clerk

Chairman