

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
August 4, 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.

ITEM 2(a): Public Announcements, Presentations and Awards

1. Chamber Executive Director Melanie Mays announced the Flea Across Florida Event from September 9th through September 11th.
2. Steve Minnis and George Cole, with the Suwannee River Water Management District, presented the Board with a check for Payment in Lieu of Taxes.

ITEM 3(a): Approval of Agenda

3. **On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and unanimously carried, the agenda was approved.**

ITEM 5(a): FDOT 5-year Work Program

4. Keith McCarron, with Apalachee Regional Planning Council, presented the 5-year DOT Work Plan. Commissioner Barfield asked how ARPC and CRTPA meshed. Mr. McCarron responded that ARPC worked with small counties on areas of transportation, reviewing of Comp Plan amendments, assisting with growth issues and extra-jurisdictional conflicts. Citizen Phil Calandra asked about the Bypass Study. Mr. McHugh responded that the CRTPA would address this issue when certain thresholds were met. Commissioner Boyd responded that small rural communities that are bypassed usually die.

ITEM 5(b): Planning Commission Letter Regarding FSU URP Study

5. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented a letter from Planning Commissioner George Cole requesting that the FSU study results are communicated to the Planning Commission and that the Planning Commission be updated and involved throughout the process. Chairman Fulford responded that Dr. Chapin assured him that they would be working with the Planning Commission on this project. Commissioner Monroe stated he understood the feelings of Planning Commissioners who felt they were ignored or uninformed. Citizen Bud Wheeler responded that there were more attendance issues with Planning Commissioners resigning. Planning Attorney Scott Shirley responded that volunteer board policies will be reviewed at the next meeting and the Board could make appointments while this process was ongoing. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher stated that staff would be moving forward with the FSU study and working with the Planning Commission. Commissioner Boyd stated that there was no intent to marginalize the Planning Commission and that the study was a link between the vision and implementation. He further stated that it was difficult to remove local bias from the equation and that a study being done by an entity outside the county could bring ideas not previously considered. Commissioner Monroe responded that the people element could

not be taken out and that people in the county know what the county wants and the Planning Commission and County Commission still made the ultimate decisions.

ITEM 5(c): EAR Amendments / Request for Direction and Timing to Proceed

6. Planning Official Bill Tellefsen inquired as to the Board's desire to hold a workshop on the EAR amendments. Attorney Shirley stated there was a need to proceed in order to avoid missing deadlines. Attorney Shirley stated that the site-specific zoning issues and densities within mixed use categories would be put aside until after the FSU study. Chairman Fulford recommended setting up a workshop in the interim and placing this issue on the September 15th Commission agenda. A workshop was set for 5 pm on August 18th.

ITEM 5(d): Fire Station Site Selection

7. Fire Rescue Chief Mark Matthews gave a brief history of the Fire Station issue. County Engineer Alan Wise, with Preble-Rish, presented his recommendations for the Fire Station site. Mr. Wise's first recommendation was the Martin Road site, followed the existing site. Two other sites in the city limits were analyzed, but were not part of his recommendation. Mr. Wise explained that the existing site was his second choice due to relocation costs during construction. Commissioner Barfield expressed concern over run-off on the Martin Road property. Engineer Alan Wise responded that this could be addressed during site design and that DOT and DEP have given clearance to use the site in regards to contamination concerns. Chief Matthews expressed his desire for the Martin Road site and reiterated the cost of relocation if the Board went with the existing site. Commissioner Nelson responded that the city sites were not desirable because of the proximity to residential areas. Commissioner Boyd asked if alternative proposals would include the existing site and that it was a mistake to assume that the current buildings would need to be demolished. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher asked the Board for a decision on one of the sites only in order to go further with design. Chairman Fulford responded that a site needed to be selected in order to establish costs in order to evaluate costs for going down this route. Engineer Alan Wise added that the county could always revise the scope of the project to fit the budget. **On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and carried 4 to 1 (Boyd opposed), the Martin Road site was selected for the Fire Station.**

ITEM 5(e): Rock Sale and Rock Mine Issues

8. Chairman Fulford began the conversation about the boulder sale by stating that he felt this issue came up during an inappropriate venue at the budget workshop. Randy Hatch stated that he had informed County Coordinator Roy Schleicher about the possibility of selling boulders from the mine. Mr. Hatch stated he could deliver inter-local agreements. He further stated that he recommended putting the boulders on the state market list/contract with a stated FOB price. Commissioner Barfield asked if there was a need to take the boulders and crush them down. Commissioner Boyd responded that the big boulders would not fit in the crusher. Mr. Hatch responded that the larger boulders needed to be moved out of the way in order to process the mine. Commissioner Monroe stated his desire to sell the boulders and perform exploratory blasting. Attorney Paula Sparkman stated that declaring property surplus required the buyer to handle the transportation. She further stated that the Board had to determine the boulders uneconomical to keep and that the state contract list should handle the bidding

requirements. **On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the boulders were declared surplus. On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the Board authorized a listing of the surplus boulders on the state contract list with a minimum price of \$5 per ton and a maximum price of \$20 per ton FOB at the mine. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to authorize Randy Hatch to negotiate with any government entity to purchase the surplus boulders on the state contract and to arrange for transportation. Commissioner Monroe seconded the motion for discussion.** Commissioner Barfield stated she thought it was in appropriate because it felt like sole-sourcing. She expressed her feeling that this should be a limited motion and should be further addressed in the future. Chairman Fulford responded that the RFQ could be broken up and Mr. Hatch could be used an agent on behalf of the county. Commissioner Barfield stated she wanted it to be clear and understood that this contract could be terminated in the future if the county partnered with a company to operate the mine. **The aforementioned motion carried 4 to 1 (Barfield opposed). On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the Board agreed to enter into contract negotiations with Mr. Hatch based on the conditions of the RFQ with a 10% fee for work as a sales agent to other governmental entities.** Commissioner Barfield stated she wanted to make sure this was not entering into an agreement for Mr. Hatch to operate the mine. Mr. Hatch asked Commissioner Barfield to serve on the negotiations committee for the contract. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher requested the Board to allow staff to work with Mr. Hatch to determine what needed to be done to prepare the property to be mined, no matter who ended up performing the mining operations. Commissioner Boyd added that the Road Department was almost completely out of inventory and that doing a blast would help solve this shortage. **On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the Board accepted the County Coordinator's recommendation to enter negotiations for an agreement with Mr. Hatch to set up a plan for the mine and to perform an initial blast.** Chairman Fulford stated he would like to see a budgeting schedule. Engineer Alan Wise stated that the Board needed a dollar amount and time frame to see if operating the mine was financially feasible. Chairman Fulford stated that he would like to see an RFP for the operations lease of the mine. Commissioner Barfield inquired as to whether the county would have to purchase any more equipment to operate the mine. Mr. Hatch stated that a pre-screener would be needed. Commissioner Barfield voiced concern over spending good money after bad. Commissioner Boyd responded that for minimal cost in used equipment the county could increase the productivity and efficiency of the mine. He stated that under budget scenarios, the county could produce rock for \$4.54 per ton and by selling to government entities the cost would drop. Commissioner Barfield volunteered to help negotiate the contract. Chairman Fulford inquired as to whether there was any desire to pursue an operations lease. Commissioner Barfield stated she would like to pursue this option. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher asked for permission to meet with Engineer Alan Wise, Attorney Paula Sparkman and Commissioner Barfield to draft a contract. **Commissioner Barfield made a motion to prepare an RFP asking for a leasing proposal of the mine. Chairman Fulford relinquished the Chair to Commissioner Boyd to second Commissioner Barfield's motion.** Chairman Fulford stated that with such effort and headache involved in the process with the mine, if there was another company that could lease the mine and provide the county with rock and/or a royalty it was worth going that route. **The aforementioned motion passed unanimously.**

ITEM 6: County Coordinator's Report

9. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher stated that Engineer Alan Wise and Building Official Wallace Bullock had inspected the old Grants Office and concluded that it was not worth salvaging. Mr. Schleicher informed the Board that the previous Board gave authority for the building to be torn down several years prior. He further stated that it was currently in the budget to construct a new Solid Waste Office. Commissioner Boyd stated that he felt the building was still functional and just needed repair. Commissioner Monroe stated that the Board decided several years ago to tear it down. Commissioner Nelson commented that all buildings have a useful life. **On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commission Monroe and carried 4 to 1 (Boyd opposed), the Board approved construction of a new office at a reasonable cost on the site of the old Grants Office after it was demolished.**

ITEM 7: Citizen's Forum

10. Citizen Paul Henry stated he would like to see the Board wean itself off grant programs like SHIP.
11. John Ard, with Nature Chem, presented the Board with a proposal of spraying roadways as opposed to the costs associated with roadside mowing. Chairman Fulford stated the first step was to speak with Road Superintendent David Harvey.

ITEM 8: Commissioner Discussion Items

12. Attorney Paula Sparkman stated that the county had no regulations that ran afoul of the State's gun laws. She also stated that the Legislature may file a bill addressing internet cafes. Commissioner Barfield stated she would like to see what the county's options are in regards to the cafes. Commissioner Nelson stated his desire to wait and see what the outcome was going to be at the legislative level.
13. Commissioner Monroe presented a check in the amount of \$1251.60 for the timber along the easement of the Wacissa River property. Commissioner Monroe stated his desire to put the issue of a perimeter fence along the easement on the agenda for the next meeting.
14. Commissioner Nelson informed the Board of his involvement in the Howard Academy Renovation Project.
15. Commissioner Barfield stated that she had requested that the Sheriff investigate the theft of rock by the Road Department employee.
16. Chairman Fulford gave an update on a legal issue involving the North Florida Broadband Authority. He stated that he was comfortable with where the process was headed and that the project should be completed by early next year.
17. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.

ITEM 9: Adjournment

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

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Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk