

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
August 18, 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. Citizen Paul Henry presented a PowerPoint presentation for Floridians Against Real ID. Mr. Henry asked for a Resolution at a later meeting and stated he was working on sponsors for a bill.

ITEM 3: Consent Agenda

2. Commissioner Barfield requested pulling item 3(c) from the Consent Agenda, the minutes of the August 4th, 2011 regular session, due to the fact that the minutes were not available for review the previous Friday. **On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, item 3(c) was removed. Commissioner Barfield made a motion to pull the approval of the agenda, which died for lack of a second. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to approve the agenda and to approve the minutes of the July 21st, 2011 Regular Session which died for lack of a second. On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the approval of the agenda was moved from the Consent Agenda to be voted on separately. On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the Consent Agenda was accepted with item (b) only, the minutes of the July 21st, 2011 Regular Session. Commissioner Barfield made a motion to pull item 5(a), Proposed Solid Waste Resolution, in order to address this issue at the next budget workshop. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion for discussion. Commissioner Boyd commented that the Board was going down a slippery slope by removing items from the agenda that a Commissioner had requested. He asked the Board to respect the process and allow the discussion to take place tonight. Chairman Fulford responded that the entire Board needed to be at a consensus to hear items on the agenda and there was no need to have the approval of the agenda if this were not the case. Chairman Fulford further commented that the rest of the Board had asked for time to review and consult with the Solid Waste Director before drafting policy affecting that department's budget. Commissioner Boyd stated his desire for the discussion to be held in a public setting. **The motion passed 4 to 1 (Boyd opposed).** Commissioner Barfield requested item 5(g), Wacissa River Property Easement Perimeter Fencing, be pulled from the agenda due to improper notice. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and carried 4 to 1 (Boyd opposed), item 5(g) was pulled from the agenda. Commissioner Barfield made a motion to pull the Public Hearing to vacate Cantey Road from the agenda due to improper notice. The motion died for lack of a second. On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and carried 4 to 1 (Barfield opposed), the Board approved the remainder of the agenda.****

ITEM 4: Citizens' Request and Input on Non-Agenda Items

3. Citizen Robin Smith commented that the old Grants Building was in good condition and that demolition of the building was unacceptable.
4. Citizen Pam Granger inquired about the contract for the county attorney. Attorney Bird responded that the contract was a continuing one on a year-to-year basis and suggested that it come up each year as a regular agenda item. Mrs. Granger also stated that people were getting skeptical with the delays on the Aquifer Protection Ordinance.
5. Citizen Stephen Walker commented that the landowner was supposed to give a replacement boat launch in exchange for the closure of the Malloy Landing boat ramp, which had not been done.

ITEM 5(b): CDBG Program

6. Citizen Tanya Johnson-Bellamy informed the Board of her poor living conditions at her Turkey Scratch home. She informed the Board she was told she would receive help but she to date she had not received any. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher stated that he, Jay Mosley and Sonora Walker, both with Meridian, had met with Mrs. Johnson-Bellamy and that proper paperwork related to flood zones had been sent to FEMA for approval. Chairman Fulford told Mrs. Johnson-Bellamy that it sounded like help was on its way. Jay Mosley stated that funds could not be committed if proper documentation was not kept and the proper state and federal rules followed. Chairman Fulford responded that nothing in government moved fast and she understood the frustration Mrs. Johnson-Bellamy had with government procedures.

ITEM 6: PUBLIC HEARING: Petition to Vacate Cantey Road

7. Planning Official Bill Tellefsen introduced the petition by Jewel Cattle Company to vacate Cantey Road. Commissioner Boyd commented that this was basically a private road through private land that would come off the list of maintained roads. Commissioner Barfield said she had a difficult time making a decision because of the lack of documentation associated with this item. **On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried 4 to 1 (Barfield opposed), the decision to vacate Cantey Road was approved.**

ITEM 5(c): Value Adjustment Board Appointments

8. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams asked for the appointment of Commissioners Nelson and Monroe to serve on the Value Adjustment Board. **On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the Board approved Commissioners Nelson and Monroe to serve on the Value Adjustment Board.** Clerk of Court Kirk Reams asked for approval to advertise for a citizen appointee for the Value Adjustment Board. **On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the Board approved Mr. Reams' request.** Citizen Dick Bailar thanked the Board for the privilege of being a past citizen appointee and stated his intention to resign from serving.

ITEM 5(d): Volunteer Policy/Application

9. Attorney Scott Shirley introduced this item. Chairman Fulford stated that the Construction Licensing Board should be included in the prohibition against dual membership. Citizen Charles Parrish asked how positions would be approved. Chairman Fulford responded that if a County Commissioner appointed a member, then the entire Board had to approve this appointee. Commissioner Nelson stated that he had made the point at a previous meeting that the Board could potentially block another Commissioner's selection. Chairman Fulford stated that presently it took the full vote of the Board to approve an appointment of a citizen from outside of the appointing Commissioner's district. Chairman Fulford stated that the Planning Commission was the only committee that had been divided into membership according to Commission Districts. Attorney Shirley stated that term limit language had been taken out and that the resign-to-run law did not apply. Commissioner Barfield clarified that the County Commission would make the ultimate decision over whether a Planning Commission member was removed. She also requested a written report annually on attendance for all committees/volunteer boards. Chairman Fulford stated that a person could fill as much of the volunteer application as they deemed necessary and that this process just gave people an avenue to volunteer.

ITEM 5(e): Redistricting Issues

10. Citizen Charles Parrish asked if census information was available. Chairman Fulford responded that information was available and soon after the budget process, redistricting would be addressed. Chairman Fulford also stated that he had spoken with School Board Chairperson Shirley Washington and that the School Board would be included in future workshops. Attorney Bird stated that the process had to be begun in an odd year and that the Attorney General's opinion stated that prison populations were required to be included. Commissioner Barfield responded that five counties did not count prisoners towards redistricting and voiced concern that the public did not have equal representation.

ITEM 5(f): Request to Review Road Department Organization/Service Delivery

11. Chairman Fulford requested a committee be appointed to evaluate the Road Department's organization structure and delivery of service to the public in order to help facilitate a discussion on these issues. Citizen Phil Calandra said this was a good time to take a look at other ways of providing service to the citizens of Jefferson County. He requested that a committee consisting of Clerk of Court Kirk Reams, County Engineer Alan Wise, Assistant County Coordinator John McHugh and himself be formed to undertake the above mentioned task. Chairman Fulford stated that Road Superintendent David Harvey was agreeable to working with this group. Commissioner Monroe voiced concern that this sounded like an investigation and that Mr. Harvey had been micromanaged in the past. Mr. Calandra responded that this had nothing to do with past performance. Commissioner Barfield asked if looking for opportunities to outsource some services in order to deliver these services more efficiently and cost-effectively would be involved. Mr. Calandra said outsourcing was only one option in the process. Commissioner Nelson stated a total management review was needed and noting that the Road Department was the most visible department of the county, it needed to be a top-notch unit. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher stated that he had asked Mr. Harvey not to hire the supervisor position until the study was done and also to hold off on any reorganization.

Commissioner Boyd stated that Mr. Harvey needed to bring on people to get the job done. He also voiced concern about moving towards privatization of the Road Department due to losing independence. Chairman Fulford stated it was the Board's responsibility to set policy and direction for the Road Department. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated that the county owed it to the citizens to deliver the best service in the most cost-efficient manner possible. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, the committee was approved.**

ITEM 7(a): County Coordinator's Report / Department Head Reports

12. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented department head reports to the Board. Chairman Fulford responded that the City of Monticello was interested in looking into a solution for fire response issues.

ITEM 7(b): County Coordinator's Report / Agreement to Market Surplus Boulders

13. **On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, the agreement to market surplus boulders with Randy Hatch was approved.**

ITEM 7(c): County Coordinator's Report / Roadway Mapping Process

14. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher informed the Board that staff would like to get started on the process of mapping roadways in the county. He assured Commissioner Boyd that prior work would not be duplicated. He also stated that the process would be followed for selection and determining the cost of the mapping prior to Board approval. County Engineer Alan Wise stated that the budget number for this project would be approximately \$3500 per mile.

ITEM 8: Citizens' Forum

15. Citizen Paul Henry thanked the elected officials for the work that they did.
16. Citizen Jeff Granger stated that the county had given too much to James Boland and that there was no fencing done on the opposite side of the Wacissa River. He also stated that the boulders could have been used on the dam on the Wacissa River.
17. Citizen Stephen Walker stated that the county was supposed to get another landing in lieu of the closure of Malloy Landing Road. Commissioner Boyd stated that Brumbley Landing had been proposed but there was resistance. Commissioner Monroe stated that Brumbley Landing was not adequate. Mr. Walker asked why Malloy Landing could not be opened until a replacement landing was identified. Commissioner Monroe stated that the Comp Plan stated that the county had to provide comparable access. Commissioner Boyd stated that the heart of the issue was that Malloy Landing was a private landing and that the private landowner had the right to decide whether they want the road opened for access any further. Commissioner Boyd offered to work with Mr. Walker on a solution for what was possible.
18. Attorney Scott Shirley stated that the North Florida Water Management District and DEP were reviewing the Aquifer Protection Ordinance. He stated that DEP recommended taking out consumptive use of water language. Chairman Fulford responded that this

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gave the county the ability to consider infrastructure issues associated with large-scale withdrawals of water.

19. Citizen David Hall expressed concern with the spraying issue on the last agenda and stated he would desire notice if spraying was done.

ITEM 9: Commissioner Discussion Items

20. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams announced that all projects submitted to FDOT under SCRAP, SCOP and CIGP had been tentatively approved.
21. Commissioner Boyd stated that the Grants Building could be repaired for less than the cost it would take to tear it down.
22. Commissioner Nelson stated his appreciation for work done on West Lake Road and gave the Board an update on the Howard Academy Renovation Project.
23. Commissioner Barfield stated her desire to have agenda items properly noticed.
24. Chairman Fulford stated a desire to re-establish the volunteer fire department in Lamont due to homeowner's insurance rates in the Bishop Farms area. Fire/EMS Chief Mark Matthews responded that there was a building already in Lamont, but volunteers were needed.
25. Chairman Fulford gave an update on the North Florida Broadband Authority. He expressed frustration due to bureaucratic slowdowns and possible retaliatory actions towards the group due to pointing out the cause of delays. He stated that other engineering firms had already been interviewed and contracted with for emergency usage.
26. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.

ITEM 10: Adjournment

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

Attest: _____
Clerk

Chairman