

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
January 5, 2012

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 2: Public Announcements, Presentations and Awards

1. John Pat Thomas, with Pat Thomas & Associates, presented a refund check to the Board.

ITEM 3: Consent Agenda

2. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the Consent Agenda, consisting of the approval of the agenda and the minutes of the December 15th, 2011 Regular Session, was approved.**

ITEM 5(a): Resolution Request

3. Sheryl Rehberg with the North Florida Workforce Board requested a resolution in support of maintaining local control over regional workforce boards. **On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the request for a resolution was approved.**

ITEM 5(b): Re-Districting Follow-Up and Action

4. County Attorney Buck Bird stated that the re-districting decision of the Board on December 19th, 2011 needed to be memorialized by resolution and advertised in the *Monticello News*. **Commissioner Monroe made a motion to amend the re-districting plan to return to the old plan of 2000, with the placing of TIGER block 3006 into District 2. Commissioner Barfield seconded the motion for discussion.** Chairman Boyd stated that the plan passed on the 19th did not change the deviations much because it was based upon an inaccurate map of the 2000 plan. Commissioner Fulford inquired as to whether sticking with the district legal descriptions would clear up the issue. Chairman Boyd responded that the motion as presented would clear up confusion over the original map. Commissioner Fulford asked if this was the same as re-districting in 2012. Attorney Bird responded that this was making an amendment to the 2011 vote. He further stated that any changes may open up challenges and that the alternative would be to wait until 2013. **Commissioner Monroe withdrew his motion and Commissioner Barfield withdrew her second. Commissioner Monroe made a motion to rescind the December 19th action and put off re-districting until 2013. Commissioner Fulford seconded for discussion.** Commissioner Barfield expressed unhappiness with the lateness of the entire process. She further stated that the pressure the employee was put under was unacceptable and consideration should be given to having a third-party perform this function in the future. She also expressed that splitting the Lloyd district in half was inappropriate. She concluded by saying the process has bothered her deeply and that the county must do better than it is doing now. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated he would not allow IT Director Johnnie Abron to be involved in the process in 2013. Commissioner Barfield asked if the Lloyd and Projects issue could be resolved in a workshop, to which Attorney Bird responded that the Board would be open to a challenge. School Board member Shirley Washington expressed her disappointment with the discussion and thanked Commissioners Nelson and Fulford and Clerk of Court Kirk Reams for not treating the School Board as second-class citizens. She stated that the

School Board would not change their map and that the citizens would be disadvantaged as a result of two separate maps because one County Commissioner did not get his way. Citizen C.P. Miller stated that county staff did an excellent job with the maps and stated that the projects have never been included in District 2. Attorney Bird stated that this issue was in dispute and that the CUP map was rejected because of disagreements over District 3. Chairman Boyd responded that the legal description of District 2 has always included the projects. He also stated that proposal from Mr. Abron was generated under the assumption that the map showed the projects in District 3. Attorney Bird stated that in 2000 the projects were placed in District 2 by splitting a TIGER block and he knew of no challenge to the legality of that issue. **The above mentioned motion passed 4 to 1 (Nelson opposed).**

ITEM 5(c): Road Department Request to Surplus Truck #11

5. **On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the Board the surplus request.**

ITEM 5(d): Parks Department Electrical and Work Bids

6. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher stated that Engineer Alan Wise is re-evaluating the bids and this issue will be tabled to the next meeting.

ITEM 5(e): Fire Department Proposed Organizational Plan

7. Chief Mark Matthews stated his desire to fill a vacant full-time position with multiple part-time positions. He stated this would give him a hiring pool for future full-time positions and would also allow him to better perform his functions as Chief. **On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the Board approved the proposed organizational plan.**

ITEM 5(f): Mine Update

8. Mine consultant Randy Hatch presented a slideshow on the mine operations. Commissioner Barfield inquired as to how much the mine operation is costing the county, to which Mr. Hatch responded he was not ready to give figures at this point. Mr. Hatch explained that there was no real supervisor at the mine and that each person carried out their own duties. Commissioner Barfield stated her desire to see the mine operation stand alone from the Road Department as a separate enterprise.

ITEM 5(g): Road Department Organization and Service Delivery

9. Chairman Boyd asked the Board not to treat the presentation as directives but rather as recommendations to the Department Head and to let Road Superintendent David Harvey respond and report back. Commissioner Fulford stated that this was basically an update and formalization of things already discussed at the prior workshop. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the meeting was extended until 1 pm.** County Coordinator Roy Schleicher reported that Assistant County Coordinator Henry Gohlke and Human Resources Director Tyler McNeill were currently putting pay schedules together based on existing salaries. Committee member Phil Calandra asked for to memorialize its priority focus for the Road Department. Chairman Boyd stated that the county could not afford to contract out road building. Mr. Calandra responded that if the Road Department performed that service it would be diverting resources away from the primary function of maintenance. Commissioner Barfield stated the main function of the Road Department should be

maintenance. Commissioner Fulford agreed that heavy road construction projects took people and resources away from the primary function of maintenance. Commissioner Nelson requested that this be discussed at the workshop in February. Mr. Calandra repeated that the Board's priorities were maintenance, repairs and construction in that order.

ITEM 6(a): County Coordinator's Report / Co. Coord. Position Hiring Schedule

10. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented a starting point for hiring the next County Coordinator for the Commissioners to review.

ITEM 6(b): County Coordinator's Report / Report on Solid Waste Sites

11. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented a visual depiction of trash dumped at the entrance of an open walk-thru gate at one of the trash collection sites.
12. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher stated that he would consult with Attorney Bird to review whether an agreement with the City exists in regards to code enforcement.
13. Commissioner Nelson stated his desire for the personnel policy to reflect the involvement of HR in the hiring process for employees.
14. Commissioner Boyd asked that the Solid Waste Department plan for a period of no longer than 48 hours between maintaining collection sites.

ITEM 8: Commissioner Discussion Items

15. Commissioner Monroe requested that the Road Department workshop for February 27th be held at 5 pm.
16. Commissioner Barfield gave an update on the collegiate bike race and also stated that there was interest from the Big Bend Horsemen's Association to utilize the horse arena.
17. Commissioner Nelson informed the Board of a parade on Saturday in honor of the Jefferson County Tigers football team winning the state title.
18. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.

ITEM 9: Adjournment

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

Attest: _____
Clerk

Chairman